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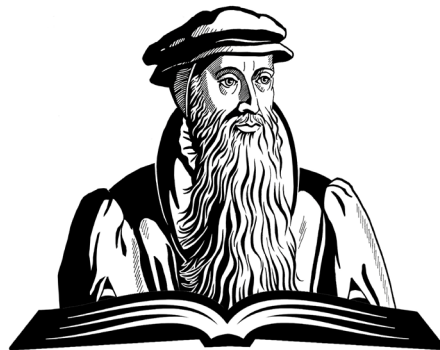
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Lesson 60

Thou Art the Man

The Second Book of Samuel, chapters 11 thru 16

Memory Verse

“And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. ”

2 Samuel 12:7a

Historical Summary

There are some very dark chapters in David’s life. Although he is said to be a man after God’s own heart, surely that was not reflected in all of David’s life. When left to himself, David was a sinful man—an idle man, an adulterer, a murderer, and a liar. This depravity came out at the time that he took Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, to be his own, and caused Uriah to be killed. David tried to cover up his sin, but the Lord saw what he did, and it displeased him. God sees all our sin, even sins that others do not see. Our sin must be confessed and forgiven, or it will testify against us eternally. David was brought to true confession and repentance, and his sins were forgiven.



Children of God never sin cheaply. The Lord sees their sin, and although their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake, they experience sorrow and pain for it. God sent Nathan the prophet to David, to show him how awful his deeds were. The child that was born of Bathsheba died. Then, in God’s abounding mercy, Solomon was born, who would later become king. The Lord also gave new victories in battle.

Because of his sin, David experienced much trouble in his family. Amnon’s adultery with Tamar, and Absalom’s murder of Amnon, were painful reminders of his own sin. How much grief in his family David had to experience! These incidents were followed, many years later, by Absalom leading a rebellion against his father. David would risk losing his throne, and he would even have to leave Jerusalem in fear for his own life.

God often used his prophets to instruct the kings of Israel. Sometimes they also needed to be rebuked. For that reason, it was necessary for the kings to ask counsel from God-fearing prophets. David was angry with Absalom for killing Amnon, and banished him from Jerusalem. Joab sent a woman to convince David he should no longer be angry. The result of this instruction was that David allowed Absalom to return to Jerusalem.

But Absalom was not content to be brought back. Instead, he managed to win the favor of the people to himself, by offering to care for them, and helping them in their troubles. After a time, he went to Hebron where he made plans to be crowned in the place of his father. David knew that Absalom would stop at nothing, so he had to flee from his own son. Still, David had many supporters who followed him, and fled with him into the wilderness. Most importantly, the Lord was with him and helped him. God protected David when Saul pursued him years earlier, and now God helped David when Absalom was trying to kill him.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

Nathan the prophet was a true servant of God. He was called by God to confront David about his sins with Bathsheba. David was in some ways a type of Christ, but he was a sinful man. The Lord Jesus Christ is perfect and sinless. When David was left alone to follow his own wicked heart, he sinned grievously. Nathan was a messenger sent by God to convict David of his sin, and David repented. So too the Holy Spirit comes to the hearts of sinful men to convict them of their sin, and calls them to repent, and alls them to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sin. That is necessary for every one of us personally.

Questions

1. Explain the following ways in which David's behavior with Bathsheba involved following sins.
 - a. Laziness _____
 - b. Adultery _____
 - c. Murder _____
 - d. Lying _____
2. David learned of the awfulness of his sin _____.
 - a. When Nathan spoke to him.
 - b. When he had a dream.
 - c. When he read a book.
 - d. When Joab rebelled against him.
3. What kind of punishment did David receive for his sin?
 - a. His son died.
 - b. Another war started.
 - c. His wife died.
 - d. His goods were stolen.
4. Amnon fell sick because _____.
 - a. He killed all his brothers.
 - b. He was in love with his step-sister.
 - c. He left home to live with his uncle.
 - d. A wicked friend made a wicked plan.

5. What convinced David to allow Absalom to return to Jerusalem?
 - a. A woman told him a story.
 - b. Absalom demanded permission to return.
 - c. Joab led an army to Jerusalem.
 - d. He was paid a large sum of money.
6. What did Absalom do to win the favor of the people?
 - a. He offered to build a home for the poor.
 - b. He treated them kindly and helped them.
 - c. He offered them protection from their enemies
 - d. He offered them an important place in his kingdom.

Discussions

1. Compare the story of David and Goliath with the story of David and Bathsheba. How does the former show a life of obedience, dependence, and thankfulness? How does the later show a life of laziness, lust, and selfishness?

2. What does the comparison of these two stories tell us about God's grace and the human heart when left to itself?

3. Prove from the story of David and Bathsheba and what follows that sin is never cheap?

4. Show how David's sin with Bathsheba reappeared in the lives of his own children.

5. What parable did the woman tell to show that David's anger to Absalom should cease?

6. Although God had clearly chosen David to be king, why did David have so much trouble first with Saul, and then with Absalom?

7. How were the words of Nathan the prophet used by the Holy Spirit to convince David he was a sinful man in need of a Savior?
