

II Samuel 12:1

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David's sin and its consequences serve as a reminder to confess our sins to the Lord and let Him take them away.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-13, Psalm 32:5, Matthew 5:13, Romans 2:1

Topics: "Sin", "Confession and Forgiveness"

Description

Chuck Smith delivers a powerful sermon on II Samuel 12:1, focusing on King David's sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the subsequent cover-up that led to Uriah's death. He emphasizes that sin compounds and cannot be hidden from God, as Nathan the prophet confronts David with the truth, declaring 'Thou art the man.' The sermon highlights the tragic consequences of sin, including public humiliation and loss, and underscores the importance of confession and seeking forgiveness from the Lord. Smith encourages believers to acknowledge their sins rather than excuse them, reminding them of the joy found in God's forgiveness.

Transcript

"THOU ART THE MAN"

I. DAVID'S SIN.

A. Saw Bathsheba bathing.

1. Sent for her.

2. Committed adultery.

B. Sin has a way of compounding.

1. When he discovered she was pregnant, he sent for her husband to come home.

2. Uriah feeling a loyalty to the troops would not go into his wife.

C. David's sin gets deeper as he orders his general to see that

Uriah was killed in battle.

1. Solomon, David's son later wrote "who ever seeks to cover his sins shall not prosper."

D. David thought he would not be discovered.

1. With Uriah dead he felt free to marry Bathsheba.
2. No one will know.

II. SIN EXPOSED.

A. There is no secret sin.

1. Though you may hide it from all men, you do not hide it from God.

B. God sent Nathan the prophet to David.

1. Nathan spoke a parable to David.
2. David became very angry with the man and pronounced judgment.

C. Nathan said "Thou art that man."

1. It's amazing how awful our sins look to us when someone else is committing them.

a. We seek to justify our own actions.

b. We so graciously excuse in ourselves the things we condemn in others.

2. This should teach us to be careful how we judge others.

a. "Thou art inexcusable O man."

III. THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF SIN.

A. It gave an occasion for the enemies of God to blaspheme.

1. You are the salt of the earth.

a. Sin is a sore.

b. You know what salt does to an open

wound - stings.

2. The world thus loves to see a Christian fall.

B. The child was to die.

C. David's own wives to be publicly humiliated.

D. The sword was not to depart from his house.

IV. THE ONLY THING TO DO WITH SIN.

A. Confess it, "And David said, "I have sinned against the Lord.""

1. Trying to cover your sin will only get you in deeper.

2. Confess unto God your sin.

B. Nathan answered "The Lord hath put away thy sin."

1. It was on this occasion he wrote PS. 32.

2. "If we confess our sin, He is faithful..."

None of us are immune form sin. Do not seek to excuse it or cover

it. Confess it to the Lord and let Him take it away. Know the joy

and blessedness of sins forgiven.

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