

David Tarried Still at Jerusalem.

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David's story serves as a warning about the dangers of ease and the importance of being vigilant in our spiritual lives.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 26:41, Romans 12:11, 1 Corinthians 10:12, Galatians 6:9, Ephesians 6:10-11, Hebrews 12:1-2, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8

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Description

F.B. Meyer warns against the dangers of complacency and idleness as exemplified by King David, who, instead of leading his men into battle, chose to remain in Jerusalem, leading to his moral downfall. This period of ease allowed temptation to creep in, resulting in grave consequences for David and his kingdom. Meyer emphasizes the importance of staying vigilant and fulfilling our responsibilities, especially during times of rest, as neglecting duty can open the door to sin. He urges believers to be proactive in their spiritual lives, recognizing that even a moment of laziness can lead to significant spiritual defeat. The sermon serves as a reminder to watch and pray, remaining engaged in the fight against temptation.

Transcript

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AH! fatal dalliance in the arms of sensual ease! It led to David's undoing. It was the time of the year when kings generally went forth to the fight; and in earlier days David would never have thought of leaving to Joab or others the strain and stress of conflict when there were hard knocks to give and take. Indeed, on more than one occasion his followers had remonstrated against his exposing the Light of Israel to the risks of the battlefield. But now he sends Joab and his mighty men to fight against Ammon, while he tarries securely at Jerusalem. In this fatal lethargy he betrays the deterioration of his soul. Already the walls were broken down, and entrance into the citadel was easy. We are not surprised to learn that as he sauntered lazily on his palace roof in the sultry afternoon he was swept away before the rush of sudden passion, and took the poor man's ewe lamb to satisfy the voracious, hungry impulse which suddenly came to him.

Beware of hours of ease! Rest is necessary; times of recruiting and renewal must come to us all; nature positively demands recreation; but there must be no neglect of known duty, no handing over to others of what we might and could do ourselves, no tarrying behind the march of the troops when we should go forth with them to the battle. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Be most on guard when not actively engaged against the enemy. One unlocked gate may admit the foe to the citadel

of the life, and rob you of peace for all after‑days. The luxury of the plains of Capua was more fatal to the soldiers of Hannibal than the passage of the Alps.

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