

Conscience Has Its Revenge

by James Stalker

The power of conscience is a solemn and remorseless force that reveals our guilt and holds us accountable for our actions.

Scripture: Psalm 32:3

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Description

James Stalker delves into the power of conscience as seen in the story of David's sin with Bathsheba. He emphasizes how even secret sins can deeply affect us, leading to guilt, wretchedness, and a constant sense of remorse. Conscience has the ability to haunt us in our loneliest moments, bringing buried sins to light and causing us to face our wrongdoings with fear and shame, even if no one else knows. Stalker highlights the importance of dealing with our hidden sins before God and seeking His forgiveness and cleansing.

Transcript

"But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD"

(2 Sam. 11:27).

This is a strange and solemn power which conscience wields. In your secret soul you commit a sin: it is a mere passing thought perhaps; no human eye has seen it, no tongue will ever speak of it; yet even in the dark it makes you blush; you are degraded in your own eyes; you feel guilty and wretched. And this guilty wretchedness does not pass away; it may at any time revive. Conscience comes to us in lonely hours; it wakens us in the night; it stands at the side of the bed and says, Come, wake up and listen to me! And there it holds us with its remorseless eye; and our buried sins rise out of the grave of the past; they march by in melancholy procession; and we lie in terror looking at them. Nobody knows but ourselves. Next morning we go forth to business with a smiling face; but conscience has had its revenge.

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