

You Are The One



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Previous lesson

- King David sought to send comfort to the king of Ammon because of the death of his father.
- David had at some time previous had a sort of friendship with the former king of Ammon.
- David's kindness was mistaken causing war and much bloodshed.
- David ignored what God had said that the Israelites were to have nothing to do with the people of Ammon.

A Poor Man's Ewe

- "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor.
² The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds.
³ But the poor *man* had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him.
⁴ And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

Who was the man?

- **2 Samuel 12:1-7 (NKJV)**

¹ Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him:

- Nathan told David the story of the poor man.

- ⁵ So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!

⁶ And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.'

What prompted the story?

- **2 Samuel 11: (NKJV)**

¹ It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.

³ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "*Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?*"

- ⁴ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.
⁵ And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I *am* with child."
⁶ Then David sent to Joab, *saying*, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.
⁷ When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered.
⁸ And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift *of food* from the king followed him.

- ⁹ But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.
¹⁰ So when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"
¹¹ And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and *as* your soul lives, I will not do this thing."
¹² Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

- ¹³ Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.
¹⁴ In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.
¹⁵ And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die."
¹⁶ So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there *were* valiant men.
¹⁷ Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

- ¹⁸ Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war,
¹⁹ and charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king,
²⁰ if it happens that the king's wrath rises, and he says to you: 'Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?
²¹ Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall?'--then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.' "
²² So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent by him.

- ²³ And the messenger said to David, "Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate.
²⁴ The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and *some* of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."
²⁵ Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.' So encourage him."
²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.
²⁷ And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

David's Rooftop

- **2 Samuel 11**
- It was the spring of the year,
- David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah.
- David remained at Jerusalem.
- One evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house and saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.
- David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "*Is* this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

- David sends for her, she comes to him with the end resulting in an adulterous affair.
- She becomes “with child” and sends word to David.
- David attempts a cover-up by calling for the woman’s husband Uriah, sending him to his home and wife.
- Uriah refuses to go home while others are in battle.
- David next tries to make Uriah drunk with wine in hopes he will go to his home and wife. But he would not go to his home.
- David then sends Uriah back to battle with a message to Joab to place Uriah in a place that he would be killed at. Uriah is slain.
- David is told of Uriah’s death and passes it off as a thing that happens in war.
- When Bathsheba is over mourning for Uriah, David sends for her to be his wife and bore a son.

Sin Covered-up

- David thought he could cover-up their sin – But God knew. “But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.”
- -- David sat down and with parchment and pen he wrote as he has often done, only this time the message is different. This is not a psalm that flows from his pen. It is not a song of praise or adoration for the Lord. It is not a love letter. No, it is a sentence of death from a disobedient, desperate king who knows what is right and what he is doing is definitely wrong! The jotting of each letter and word hardens his heart more and more and gets him into trouble. Never underestimate the power of sin. This was the mistake that David made. He thought he could *control it, contain it, and cover it up, but you can't*. David hurts his reputation even further by involving Joab in his scheme. Treasures From the Scriptures

- Did Bathsheba intentionally bath where David would see her? She was **bathing** out in the open. One may not fault **David** for perhaps seeking the cooler breezes of the late afternoon, but Bathsheba, knowing the proximity of her courtyard to the palace, probably harbored ulterior designs toward the king. Yet David's submission to her charms is inexcusable, for the deliberate steps he followed to bring her to the palace required more than enough time for him to resist the initial, impulsive temptation (cf. [James 1:14-15](#)). Bible Commentary
- Bathsheba married a soldier who was most likely gone a lot. She is probably very lonely. David comes along and gives her acceptance, admiration, affection, and activity by getting her out of her house. Treasures From the Scriptures

- We don't read of any response of Bathsheba's. She could have sought to discourage David from sinning rather than going along with him.
- She could have responded like Joseph with Potiphar's wife, and replied, (Genesis 39:8-9) "Look, my master does not know what *is* with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. *There is* no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"
- Or Absalom's daughter Tamar with Amnon David's son, (2 Samuel 13:12-13) she answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing! And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you."

- Bathsheba mourns for her husband. The standard time of mourning is about seven days. It is believed her sorrow is genuine, but it is the sorrow of unfaithfulness, disloyalty, and guilt.
- Bathsheba's mourning did not last long. Her grief was shallow for she re-marries very quickly. David takes her as his own wife. Does he really think he can cover up his sin by marrying her?
- Sin can never be successfully covered. One night of passion can spark years of pain. The cost of cover-up scars David's life forever.
- Guilt was working on David. He wrote about his broken fellowship with God. He is trapped in a whirlpool of woe and the muck of misery.
- [Psalm 32:3, 4](#)—*When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.Selah.*

- [Psalm 51:3, 4](#)—*For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*
- Sleepless nights, physical illness, fever, haunting memories, loss of weight, feeling alone... these are the some of the price tags of sinful living. If you choose David's sinful path, don't be surprised at the consequences. The cataracts of lust ruined his vision and robbed him of his joy. He was a much better teenager than he was a man. If only he could go back and re-do his life and not make the same mistakes. Unfortunately, we do not have that luxury. We can learn from David. We can learn the cost of the cover-up of our sin.
- Treasures From the Scriptures

- [James 1:14, 15](#)—*But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*
- **Satan makes sin look fun and exciting, but he doesn't show you the whole picture.**
- [Proverbs 9:17,18](#)—*Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.*
- The mind is the **battlefield** where all decisive battles of life are won or lost. It is the **workshop** where important decisions of life and eternity are made. The mind is an **armory** where we forge the weapons for our victory or destruction. Peter and Paul addressed the importance of your mind.

- [1 Peter 1:13](#)—*Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*
- [Philippians 4:8](#)—*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*
Treasures From the Scriptures
- Mark 7:21-23 (NKJV) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.
²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

The Ten Commandments

- **Exodus 20:1-17 (NKJV)**

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying:

² "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;

⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

- ⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates.
- ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
- ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

- 13 "You shall not murder.
- 14 "You shall not commit adultery.
- 15 "You shall not steal.
- 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."
- All sin has consequences even if we think no one will know.
- We have all seen and felt the heartbreak and devastation to family and homes that the sin of adultery and unfaithfulness causes.
- 1 Peter 1:15-16 (NKJV) but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, "*Be holy, for I am holy.*"