

“David and Bathsheba: The Fall of the Righteous”

2 Samuel 12:1-14

Introduction

- **Temptation and Fall.**

2 Samuel 11:1 “In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.”

There is no reason given as to why David stayed in Jerusalem, but it is mention here and in the 1 Chronicles 20, qne was significant enough to mention.

2 Samuel 11:2-a “One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” ⁴Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her.”

“Here in (11:6) begins the series of ploys, lies and intrigue especially shocking because of the great integrity shown by David in his dealings with Saul. This illustrates how quickly the entertaining of sin can pollute the heart of even of the most noble of God’s people.” The Spirit-Filled Life Bible, p. 455

James 1:13-15

- **Rebuke and Repentance.**

Nathan begins his encounter with David telling him one of the most striking parables of the Old Testament, or even of the whole Bible.

vv. 1-4

vv. 5-7a

Nathan continues his rebuke:

vv. 7b-9

David, fortunately responds to Nathan’s rebuke in a positive way!

v. 13 “Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD. Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.”

- **Restoration and Ramifications**

Before David admitted to his sin, Nathan, had told David....

vv. 10-12

v. 14

Psalms 51:10-12

What had David lost?

Was he still saved?

Conclusion

Sexual sin is one of greatest dangers for the people of God. No matter what the sin, how can we keep from falling

- Guard your eyes!
- Guard your heart!
- Keep a short account with God of your sins.
- Have someone in your life to whom you are fully honest and accountable.
- Have a daily devotional/quiet time with God and in His Word.
- Pray with your spouse or significant other.
- Be a part of a church body that worships in Spirit and in truth—preaching the whole gospel. And get involved in serving others.
- Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and walk closely with Him each day through prayer.
- Pray for yourself and for others.