

THOU HAST GIVEN GREAT OCCASION TO THE ENEMY

2 SAMUEL 12

Text: 2 Sam 12:14

(2 Sam 12:14 KJV) "Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die."

Introduction:

We have here the account of the preacher whose name was Nathan, confronting king David after his sin with Bathsheba.

What a tragic thing it is to give great occasion the enemies of God to blaspheme. What a tragic thing it is to see an innocent child lose its life because of the sin of its father.

The Bible has a lot to say about sin.

(Rom 3:23 KJV) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

(James 1:15 KJV) "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

(Prov 28:13 KJV) "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

(Gal 6:7 KJV) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Tonight I want us to look at this word caused sin. I want us to look at the characteristics of sin.

Notice:

1. SIN WILL TAKE YOU FARTHER THAN YOU WANT TO GO (2 SAM 11:1-3)

(2 Sam 11:1-3 KJV) "And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. {2} And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. {3} And David sent and inquired after the

woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

A. David should have been fighting with his men.

B. However David tarried.

1. We need to be careful that we not have alot of free time.

C. In David free time he simply walked out upon the roof, probably admiring all the Lord had given to his control.

D. While walking upon the roof, David's eyes were drawn to something that he shouldn't have looked at.

1. The Devil will always throw things in front of us that we should never look at.

Sin will not only take you farther than you want to go but:

2. SIN WILL KEEP YOU LONGER THAN YOU WANT TO STAY. (2 SAM 11:4-17, 27)

(2 Sam 11:4-17 KJV) "And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she

returned unto her house. {5} And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child. {6} And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. {7} And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered. {8} And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. {9} But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. {10} And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house? {11} And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. {12} And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. {13} And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. {14} And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. {15} And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in

the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. {16} And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. {17} And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also."

(2 Sam 11:27 KJV) "And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."

- A. David probably would have never married her if he would have known the end of the story.
- B. David would have probably taken that little stroll out on his roof if he would have known the end of the story.
- C. David would have never sent for Bathsheba if he would have known the rest of the story.
- D. David would have never had Uriah put on the front line of the battle assuring his death if he would have known the rest of the story.
- E. Sin kept David longer than he wanted to stay.

F. Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay.

Sin will not only take you farther than you want to go, and keep you longer than you want to stay, but

3. SIN WILL COST YOU MORE THAN YOU WANT TO PAY.

A. Don't think for a minute that sin will go unpunished.

(Gal 6:7 KJV) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

(James 1:15 KJV) "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

B. David cast judgment upon himself.
(2 Sam 12:1-14)

(2 Sam 12:1-14 KJV) "And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. {2} The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: {3} But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and

lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. {4} And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. {5} And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: {6} And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. {7} And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; {8} And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. {9} Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. {10} Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. {11} Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. {12} For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all

Israel, and before the sun. {13} And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. {14} Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die."

(David's Own Judgment Four Fold Replacement)

1. The baby dies (2 Sam 12:18)

(2 Sam 12:18 KJV) "And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?"

2. Tamar is raped by her brother (2 Sam 13:10-14)

(2 Sam 13:10-14 KJV) "And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. {11} And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. {12} And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such

thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. {13} And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. {14} Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her."

3. Absalom kills Amnon for raping his sister (2 Sam 13:19-20, 28-29)

(2 Sam 13:19-20 KJV) "And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. {20} And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house."

(2 Sam 13:28-29 KJV) "Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. {29} And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled."

4. Absalom Death (2 Sam 18:9, 14-17)

(2 Sam 18:9 KJV) "And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away."

(2 Sam 18:14-17 KJV) "Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. {15} And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. {16} And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. {17} And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent."

C. The results of David's sin and judgment.

(2 Sam 18:33)

(2 Sam 18:33 KJV) "And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Sin took David farther than he wanted to go, Sin kept David longer than he wanted to stay, and Sin cost David more than he wanted to pay.

Close:

Let me say the same is true for you and I concerning sin. It will take us farther than we want to go, it will keep us longer than we want to stay, and it will cost us more than we want to pay.

The Bible gives us a clear warning:

(Gal 6:7 KJV) "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Notice:

1. Reap what you sow
2. Reap more than you sow
3. Reap later than you sowed

(Num 32:23 KJV) "... and be sure your sin will find you out."