

SERMON NOTES

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GROWING THROUGH CONFLICT Studies in the Life of David

I SAMUEL 11-12 - "Conflict With Sexual Temptation"

INTRODUCTION:

David was a man whose life was filled with conflict; in his family, with a giant, king Saul, within his soul, (also with grief, God).

Today we see David's conflict with sexual temptation!

David is the last man you might expect to find in such a mess, yet here he is.

We discover that the Bible honestly records the sins of God's people.

Aren't you glad your sins are not written down for everyone to read!

Yet we can and should learn from David's great sin

We are all in danger! "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1Co 10:12)

I. What were the circumstances or steps that led to David's sin? (vs. 1-4)

1. Disobedient to the word of God.

(Deut 17) the king was not to multiply horses; silver and gold; wives.

He was slacking of self-restraint.

How about you?

2. Self-confidence

At this point in his life David is enjoying about seventeen years of prosperity.

3. Idleness (vs. 1)

He wasn't out fighting the battle!

4. Carelessness

1. He saw (vs. 2)

What did he see, "A beautiful woman"

Unfortunately that's all David saw, he didn't see God or the consequences of his sin!

"when lust takes control, God is quite unreal to us!"

Lay this maxim to heart: When lust takes control, God is quite unreal to us. What a world of wisdom there is in this! When we are in the grip of lust, the reality of God fades. The longer King David gazed, the less real God became. Not only was his awareness of God diminished, but in the growing darkness he lost awareness of who David was -- his holy call, his frailty, and the sure consequences of sin. That is what lust does. It has done it millions of times. Lust makes God disappear, at least in the lust-glazed eyes of those involved. Here, fellow servants, we must once again ask some questions: If God fading from view? Were you once walking close with Him, but now, because of creeping sensuality, he seems but a distant phantom? If so, you must take decisive steps to guard your heart. You must terminate the intake of lustful words and images whether they be gotten from reading, or the media, or an acquaintance. If you do not, God will fade and you will fall.

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3. "He lusted (vs. 2)

It says, "He looked"!

It was a "Lustful Look"

Jesus said in Matt 5:28, "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

4. He inquired (vs. 3)

It's playing

it's giving place

5. He yielded (vs. 4)

(James 1:13-15)

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Notice that David was in mid-life; he was having a mid-life crisis (vs. 45-50)

God's will: I Thess 4:3-8

In marriage I Cor 7:1-5

Meet your mate's needs!

II. The cover up of David's sin (vs. 5-27)

Lessons:

A. One sin leads to another

As has been often pointed out:

It was the breaking of the tenth commandment, coveting his neighbor's wife that led David to commit adultery, thus breaking the seventh commandment.

In order to steal his neighbor's wife (thereby breaking the eighth commandment.), he committed murder and broke the sixth commandment.

He broke the ninth commandment by bearing false witness again his brother.

This all brought dishonor to his parents and thus broke the fifth commandment. In this way he broke all the commandments that relate to loving one's neighbor as oneself. And in all this he dishonored God as well. There is no such thing as a simple sin!

B. Sexual sin affects others

1. Uriah was dead.
2. The baby would die.
3. David's daughter Tamar - raped by her half brother Amon.
4. Amon killed by Absalom, Tamar's brother.

Satan never show's you this!

C. David's sin displeased the Lord (vs. 27)

David was so concerned about what people knew

He forgot God!

It displeased God!!

He was not living in the fear of God!

What was David's life like during this time?

Psa. 32:3-4

3. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

Guilt; shame; no peace; no joy!

If you try to cover your sin you will not prosper!

III. The confession of David's sin

It happened one year later! (12:1-14)

What were the steps that lead to it?

1. Conviction

What he was feeling at the time (Psa 32:3-4)

2. Confrontation – Nathan (12:1-9)

3. Consequences (vs.10-12;14)

4. Confession (vs. 13a)

Psa 32:5

5. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Psa 51:1-4

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

What is confession?

Psa 51:7-12

7. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

5. Cleansing

David experiences God's:

Mercy

Grace

Loving kindness!

He cried

Psa 32:1-2

1. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

How?

The Cross!

Do you know that blessedness?