

DAVID – Lesson #7

David's Sin

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 11 – 12:25

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 10:9 - “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

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MAIN TRUTH: God wants you to admit your sin to Him.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. BEGINNING STATEMENTS

Have you ever been caught? You did something wrong, something you knew you shouldn't have done, and your parents or your teacher caught you. Maybe you felt afraid and wanted to lie about it because you didn't want to be punished. Maybe you felt guilty, sorry, ashamed, and wished you hadn't done it.

B. TRANSITION

The man in our true Bible lesson felt that way. He did a terrible thing. Did he learn from this? Listen and find out.

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

FLASHCARD 7-1

It was the time of the year when kings would fight their battles, but David was not at war. His army was at war, and his general, Joab, was at war. David had sent them out to fight with his enemies the Ammonites, but David stayed behind at his palace in Jerusalem.



One evening, David got up from the bed where he had been resting and went up to his roof. In those days, the roofs of houses were flat so that people could walk on them and use them like a porch.

FLASHCARD 7-2

From the roof where he was walking, David saw a woman washing herself. The woman was very beautiful. David could have looked away, but he didn't.



He told his servants to find out who that woman was. One said, "Isn't that Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, the Hittite?" The woman David had seen was married. Her husband, Uriah, was away fighting in David's army. He was one of David's bravest soldiers.

David could have decided to forget about Bathsheba, but he didn't. He sent messengers to her house to bring her to the palace. When she arrived, David treated her as if she was his wife, even though she was married to another man. Later, Bathsheba went home to her house.

What David had done was very wrong. He had sinned.

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There is no person who has never sinned. You and I and every person have made a choice to do something wrong. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that does not please God. The Bible says, "**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.**" (Ex. Maybe you were on your tablet and came across some pictures that you knew were very wrong to look at, but you kept going back to that sight every day to look at pics.) Maybe I didn't talk about the sin that you have done, but you know what it is, and God knows too. Sin is serious.

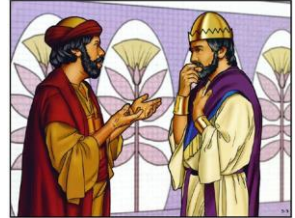
What David did was sin, and it was very serious. He must have thought that no one would ever know about the terrible thing he had done.

Then Bathsheba sent him a message. "I am going to have a baby," she said.

Everyone would know that Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, was not the father of this baby. They would find out what David had done.

FLASHCARD 7-3

David sent a message to Joab, his general who was off fighting the war. "Send Uriah to me," the message said.



When Uriah arrived from the battlefield, David pretended that he wanted to know how Joab was and how his soldiers were and how the war was going. Then he said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and rest." He sent a good supper along with Uriah for him to eat.

He was trying to get Uriah to spend the night with his wife. That way, no one would know that Uriah was not the father of Bathsheba's baby, and David's sin would be hidden.

But, Uriah was a good man and a good soldier.

This reminds me that some people think that Jesus was just a good man and a good teacher.

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But Jesus is so much more than just a good man. Jesus is the very Son of God, and He never did anything wrong. He was perfect in everything that He thought, said, and did.

Even though Jesus was perfect, some people think that Jesus was just a good man.

Uriah wasn't perfect. He was only a good man and a good soldier.

He cared so much about his job as a soldier that, instead of going home to his wife, Uriah slept at the door of David's house with his servants.

When the servants told David where Uriah had spent the night, David said to Uriah, "Didn't you come from a long journey? Then why didn't you go down to your house?"

Uriah said to the king, "All the soldiers of Israel are living in tents, and General Joab and all your servants are camping in the fields. Should I go into my comfortable house to eat and drink and be with my wife? As surely as you are alive, I will not do this thing."

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Have children repeat "*I will not do this thing.*"

David answered, "Stay here one more day, and, tomorrow, I will let you go back." David wouldn't give up. He had to find a way to make Uriah go to his house so his sin would stay a secret. He didn't want to admit what he had done to God, himself, or anyone else.

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If Jesus is your Saviour, God wants you to admit your sin to Him. Don't try to hide what you have done: tell God. The boy in this picture knows he yelled at his mother. He is admitting his sin to her, and also to God, asking Him to forgive him. If you have hurt someone else with your sin, tell God and then tell that person. Admitting your sin is the only way to stop the sin from growing worse and worse.

David did not want to admit his sin. He was trying to get Uriah to go to his house so what he had done would stay a secret.

That evening, David invited Uriah to eat and drink with him. He gave Uriah too much alcohol so that he became drunk. But that night, Uriah still slept at David's door. He did not go down to his house.

Read letter to Gen. Joab (In your folder)

In the morning, David wrote a letter for Uriah to take back with him to give to General Joab. It said, "Put Uriah in the middle of the most dangerous part of the battle. Pull all the other soldiers away and leave him there so that he will be killed."

Uriah carried that letter with its terrible instructions back to Joab. When the next battle began, Joab assigned him to a place where he knew Uriah would have to fight the bravest enemies. When the enemies came out of their city to fight, some of the Israelite soldiers died. Uriah was one of them.

Joab sent a messenger back to David with the report, "Your servant, Uriah, is dead."

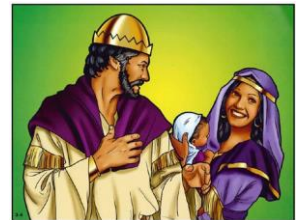
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As the messenger, have children run in place, arrive breathless before David, and repeat, "*Your servant, Uriah, is dead.*"

When Bathsheba heard that her husband was dead, she cried for him and spent time remembering him.

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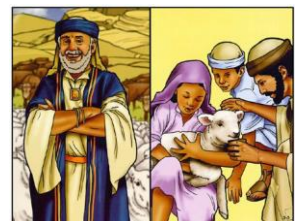
When that time was over, David sent for her and married her. Now she lived in his house as his wife, and, when it was time, she had her baby—a little boy, David's son.



David must have thought that he had gotten away with his sin, but all that David had done did not please God. God sent a prophet, named Nathan, who would speak to David for Him.

FLASHCARD 7-5

Nathan shared a story with David. 'There were two men in one city; one was rich, and the other was poor. The rich man had many flocks of sheep, goats and other animals. But the poor man had nothing except for one little lamb that he had bought and raised. It became a pet for him and his children, ate his from own plate, drank out of his own cup, and slept on his lap. The lamb was like one of his own children.'



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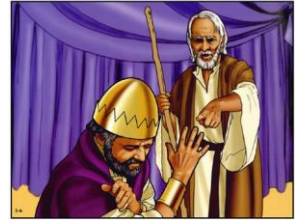
Pretend to hold, hug, and stroke a pet lamb.

“Then one day, there came a traveler to visit the rich man. The rich man wouldn’t take a sheep from his own flocks, even though he had so many, to cook for the rich man’s dinner. He took the poor man’s lamb and cooked it for his visitor.”

When David heard that, he was very angry! He said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who has done this thing will surely die. He has to pay back four lambs to the poor man because he did this terrible thing and had no pity.”

FLASHCARD 7-6

Then Nathan must have looked right at David. “You are the man!” he said.



“This is what God says, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I saved you from Saul. I gave you his house, his wives, and the whole country of Israel to rule, and, if that wasn’t enough, I would have given you even more. Why then have you hated My laws and done evil in My sight? You have killed Uriah with the sword of your enemies, and you have taken his wife to be your wife.’”

Then God told David his punishment. “Now the sword will never leave your house. I will bring evil to you from the people in your own house, and, in front of your eyes, I will take your wives and give them to someone you know. You did your sin secretly, but I will do this out in the daylight in front of all Israel.”

What do you think David said to this? Only one thing: “I have sinned against the Lord.” He was no longer trying to hide his sin.

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If Jesus is your Saviour, God wants you to admit your sin to Him. The Bible says, **“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”** If you try to cover up your sin, it won’t help you, but, when you admit what you’ve done and stop doing it, you will have kindness you don’t deserve. (Ex. If you get mad and yell at your brother or sister, don’t try to pretend it was ok. Admit to God that what you did was wrong and go to your brother or sister and ask them to forgive you.) Hiding your sin only makes it worse.

David had found out what happens when you try to hide your sin. Finally, he was ready to admit it.

Nathan had an answer from God for David. “You will not die,” Nathan said, “or be put forever out of God’s sight.”

Because of what David had done, he deserved to die and be separated forever from God, but God said that would not happen.

You and I deserve to be separated from God forever because of our sin, but God sent Someone to take our punishment.

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1 John 1:7

That Someone was Jesus. He took the punishment for your sin and my sin. He died on the cross to pay for all the sins you and I have done. He gave His precious blood to pay for sin. The Bible says, “. . . *The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*” Jesus was buried, but, three day later, He came back to life again. He is alive today, and He will never die again.

Jesus took the punishment that you and I deserve.

David deserved to die and to be separated from God, but God said that would not happen.

But, Nathan still had sad news for David. “Because what you have done has made it easy for the enemies of the Lord to say bad things about Him, the child who was born to you will die.”

Just as Nathan said, God caused David and Bathsheba’s baby to be very sick. David lay down on the ground and prayed to God all night for the baby.

He would not eat the food his servants brought. Finally, after seven days, the baby died.

When David found out, he stood up from the ground, washed, changed his clothes, and went out and worshiped God. When he came back to his house, he asked his servants to bring him food.

David’s servants couldn’t understand it. Why would David be so sad when the child was alive, but now get up and eat when he had died? David explained to them, “When the child was alive, I fasted and cried because I didn’t know if God would be kind to me and let the child live, but now he is dead. Why then shouldn’t I eat? Can I bring him back again? *I* will go to *him* someday, but *he* will not come back to *me*.”

David loved his baby son. He was looking forward to the day when he would see him again in Heaven.

G Did you know that God the Father loves you more than any person here on earth? He does. He will never stop loving you.

David loved his son too. He knew he would see him again.

David went to Bathsheba, his wife, who must have been very sad, too, and comforted her.

III. CLIMAX

David did learn from his sin with Bathsheba.

IV. CONCLUSION

A. CLOSING STATEMENTS

It wasn’t long before Bathsheba knew she was going to have another baby.

When their baby boy was born, David named him Solomon. The Bible says that God loved Solomon. Because David now chose the right way, God had given David and Bathsheba

another baby to show them that His punishment was over.

B. BRIDGE

Sin always brings sadness and trouble, and much more sadness would come to David because of the choices he had made. But God loved David and He still had some amazing promises in store for him and his family.

C. CHALLENGE

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Remember, if Jesus is your Saviour, God wants you to admit your sin to Him. We talked about the Bible verse in Prov. 28:13 that says, ***“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*** So if you know you did something wrong to your brother or sister don’t try to hide your sin or cover it up. That just makes it worse. Tell the person what you did and admit it to God too. God shows amazing kindness to those who are ready to admit their sin to Him. Is there something that you need to admit to God right now? I’ll be quiet for a few minutes while you talk to God about that. (*Allow time for them to pray quietly.*)

D. INVITATION

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Romans 6:23

Maybe you know that Jesus is not your Saviour from sin because you have never believed in Him and received Him as your Saviour. The Bible says, ***“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*** If you’re ready to believe in and receive Jesus today, you need to admit to God that you have sinned and that you deserve to be punished for your sin. You need to believe that Jesus died on the cross to take your punishment for sin and that He came alive again. You need to trust Jesus as the only One who can save you. Are you ready to receive Jesus today? Everyone, close your eyes and bow your head, please. If you want to receive Jesus as your personal Saviour today, would you please show me by looking up at me right now? Thank you. You may all open your eyes and lift your heads. (*Tell them when to come and where to go for counseling.*)