

Great Differences: Lessons from David & Solomon

This week – We are reminded of the weakness of the human heart – David falls into gross sin.

“Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight.”
Psalm 51v4

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Samuel 11v1-13 (David commits a great sin)	
Monday	2 Samuel 11v14-25 (David arranges Uriah’s death)	
Tuesday	2 Samuel 12v1-15 (David confronted by Nathan)	
Wednesday	2 Samuel 12v16-31 (David’s son by Bathsheba dies)	
Thursday	Psalm 32 (David is sorry for trying to hide his sin)	
Friday	Exodus 20v1-17 (God’s Law, The 10 Commandments)	
Saturday	Psalm 51 (David’s prayer of repentance for this sin)	

Important Thought for us Today: Today’s lesson highlights, yet again, that **God’s Word, the Bible, is a unique and remarkable Book.** As well as making us aware of the One True God – His Holy Character, Omnipotence (All Powerful), Omnipresence (Everywhere), and Omniscience (All Knowing), the Bible also shows us the weakness of the sinful human heart. David was a sincere believer, and follower of God, **BUT** we are also made aware of his awful sin when he took Uriah’s wife for his own and arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle to cover up his sin. The Bible confronts every one of us with our own sin and tells of the Saviour Who came to die to take our guilt away, so that we can be forgiven. **Let us examine our own hearts and seek forgiveness.**

Hymn 51v1, Based on Psalm 51 - David seeks and finds the LORD’s forgiveness of his great sin.

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| <p>1. God be merciful to me,
 On Thy grace I rest my plea;
 Plenteous in compassion Thou,
 Blot out my transgression now;
 Wash me, make me pure within;
 Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.</p> | <p>2. My transgressions I confess,
 Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
 I have sinned against Thy grace,
 Long provoked Thee to Thy face;
 I confess my judgement just,
 Only in Thy mercy trust.</p> |
| <p>3. I am evil, born in sin,
 Thou desirest truth within;
 Thou alone my Saviour art,
 Teach, restore and take my heart;
 Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
 Wash me whiter than the snow.</p> | <p>4. Broken, humbled to the dust
 By Thy wrath and judgement just,
 Make this contrite heart rejoice,
 And in gladness hear Thy voice;
 From my sins, O hide Thy face,
 Blot them out in boundless grace.</p> |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Different Attitudes to Sin – David and Bathsheba.

- **The Beginning of Sin in The World - Adam Sinned. Genesis 3**
 - This broke his (and our) relationship with God. We all inherit Adam’s sinful nature.
- **A Change in David’s Attitude Brought About the Beginning of His Sin.**
 - **David took a rest** from his responsibilities. He decided not to lead his army into battle against the Ammonites, but stayed at home, leaving it to his General, Joab.
 - **This Led to This Sad Chain of Sinful Events: -**
 - **He Became Lazy and Complacent.** Wasted time lying in bed, stopped devotions.
 - **He Began to Have Wrong Thoughts and Desires.** He looked where he should not have looked. He saw Bathsheba washing herself, he lusted and wanted her.
 - **David Committed Adultery.** He enquired and found she was the wife of Uriah. This should have stopped him. BUT He sent for her and committed adultery.
 - **David Attempted to Deceive.** Bathsheba became pregnant, so David schemed to get Uriah to come home to his wife so that it would look as if he was the father.
 - **David Arranged for Uriah to be Killed.** Uriah refused to go home to his wife, so David arranged for him to be killed in battle, making him culpable of murder.

We can never hide any sin from the Lord God. There is no such thing as a ‘little sin’.

- **A Very Sad Affair – Sin is a Very Dangerous Matter.**
 - **The Bible is honest.** It paints a true picture, telling all the facts, however bad.
 - **The Bible reveals the ugliness of sin** and shows us the way of escape from it.
 - **David, a believer,** is shown God’s mercy and forgiveness. He did not deserve it.
- It is so important to hear the Gospel of God’s forgiveness, and, like David, respond in repentance.**
- **The Lord Deals Graciously with David:**
 - **At first David pretends nothing is wrong.** ‘Uriah is dead, Bathsheba is my wife, and now we have a son. Surely, others commit much worse sins than I do.’
 - **The Lord convicts David.** God sends His Prophet, Nathan, to confront David. David is told of ‘how a rich man in his kingdom took a poor man’s only lamb.’ David is angry and demands justice. Nathan tells him, **‘Thou art the man.’** 2 Sam 12v13
 - **David admits his guilt.** David had forgotten that God had brought him from being a shepherd boy to be the King. He had despised his God by adulterously taking Uriah’s wife and murdering him. Now he repents, **‘I have sinned against the Lord.’** 2 Sam 12v13
 - **David is forgiven and saved.** David’s sin should have brought terrible consequences. But the Lord graciously said, **‘The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.’** V13

We may not have committed the sins of murder and adultery, yet we all have heart-sins of lust, unclean thoughts, unbelief, hatred, the ability to lie and deceive, etc. We must grieve over our sin and admit them as David did. Then the Lord will show us the Saviour, causing us to repent.

Join us next week as we ‘listen in’ to David’s sincere prayers of repentance. (Psalm 51, and 32)

Paul wrote, “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!” Romans 11v33.