

2 Samuel 11

Then David Had Done Evil

Have you ever sunk and fallen further by deception?

2 Samuel 11:1 Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they **destroyed** the sons of Ammon and **besieged** Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2 Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. **3** So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, **the wife of Uriah the Hittite?**" **4** David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her; and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house. **5** The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am pregnant."

adultery

1. Warning: Anyone can sin and fall short of the glory of God.

2 Samuel 11:6 Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. **7** When Uriah came to him, David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war. **8** Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a present from the king was sent out after him. **9** But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. **10** Now when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

2 Samuel 11:11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing." **12** Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. **13** Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:14 Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. **15** He had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die." **16** So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men. **17** The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

murder

2. Warning: Anyone can sin and fall short of the glory of God.

2 Samuel 11:18 Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war. **19** He charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king, **20** and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? **21** Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbeseth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

2 Samuel 11:22 So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell. **23** The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the wall; so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead." **25** Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it'; and so encourage him."

2 Samuel 11:26 Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. **27** When the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that **David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord.**

3. Evil in the sight of the Lord is not good.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" **4** The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! **5** For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Remember the origin of sin.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. **15** Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Remember the progression of sin.

Remember the weight of sin

in light of falling short of the glory of God.

Evil: anything that we prefer over God
and who He intended us to be