



2 Samuel

Chapter 12

Jer. 16:17—“For my eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.”

God Sees All

- **2 Sam. 11:27b NAS** “...But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.”
- **2 Sam. 12:9a** “Why have you despised the Word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight?”

“Nothing in all creation is hidden in God’s sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.”

—Hebrews 4:13 NLT

- **Psalm 38:4**—“My sin has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.”
- **Psalm 38:18**—“...I am full of anxiety because of my sin.”

Maintaining a Good Conscience

- **Psalm 95:7**—“...today if you hear His voice do not Harden your hearts...” Also quoted in Hebrews 4:7
- **Hebrews 9:9**—“...gifts and sacrifices...offered...cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience...”

“Then the LORD sent Nathan to David...”

—2 Samuel 12:1a NAS

“Though God may **allow** His people to fall into sin, He will not **allow** his people to lie still in it.”

—Matthew Henry



“...But the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb...”

2 Samuel 12:1-4

2 Samuel 12:3

“...and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.”



Projection: A defense Mechanism

- People tend to project because they can't acknowledge their own sin. If we project on to others what we are guilty of ourselves, we avoid having to deal with it.
- How a person acts toward the target of projection might reflect how they really feel about themselves.

Punishable by Death

- **Lev. 20:10**—“If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.”
- **Lev. 24:17**—“If a man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.”

Restitution

- **Exodus 22:1**—“If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it, or sells it, he shall pay five (5) oxen for the ox, and **four** (4) sheep for a sheep.”

DESPISED: To treat with disrespect; to treat as insignificant; expendable, and of little value.

To despise the LORD'S word is to despise the LORD.

2 Samuel 12: 9—“Why did you despise the word of the LORD...”

2 Samuel 12: 10—“...you have despised me.”

“If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

—1 John 1:19

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

—Galatians 6:7

The Death of David's 4 children

- **His 1st son with Bathsheba**—2 Sam.12:18
- **Amnon**—2 Sam.13:29, 39
- **Absalom**—2 Sam. 18:1-18
- **Adonijah**—1 Kings 2:25

Psalm 51:8—“Let the bones which you have broken rejoice!”

David looks forward to restored fellowship with the LORD.

Broken bones can be reset and become stronger than they were before.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord—Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt—Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured—There where the blood of the lamb was spilled.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace—Freely bestowed on all who believe—You that are longing to see His face—Will you this moment His grace receive?

Lessons

- God's grace will always pursue believers so that they may repent and turn back to Him.
Vs. 1—“Then the LORD sent...”
- God sees it all. Nothing is hidden from God.
Vs. 9—“...doing what is evil in His sight....”
- God takes it personally when believers sin against His Word.
Vs. 10—“...you have despised Me...”

- Although God forgives and forgets our sin, we still must pay the consequences. God's grace is free but costly. **Vv. 10-12, 14**
- It is perfectly proper to pray for God's mercy and grace when dealing with the consequences of sin. God loves to be gracious. **Vs. 22**—“...who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me...”
- Those who die before the age of reason are received into the arms of their Heavenly Father. **Vs. 23** “I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.”

God's Grace Demonstrated In 2 Samuel 12

- Sending Nathan to David to confront and expose his sin. **Vs. 1**
- When David confessed and repented, God forgave him. **Vs. 13**
- God rescinded the death penalty of David's sin, though NOT the consequences. (God's grace is free, but costly) **Vs. 13**
- God accepted David's child into His Heavenly arms. **Vs. 18,23**
- David begins his restoration. **Vs. 20**
- The birth of Solomon. **Vs. 24**