

**WHEN A GREAT MAN COMMITS
A GREAT SIN**

TEXT: II SAMUEL 11:1-4

INTRO: David is called a "Man after God's own heart".

- See I Samuel 13:¹³⁻¹⁴~~14~~ & Acts 13:21-22
- This story should herald a warning to all who think highly of themselves - **I Cor. 10:12.**
- What was the cause of such a great man used so greatly in the past to stoop, so low, be so vile, so defeated?

I. HE LOST THE CHALLENGE OF HIS LIFE.

- II SAMUEL 11:1-2.
- **A.** He was lingering at home when he should have been leading the army.
- Vs. 1 - He sent Joab.
- Vs. 1 - David tarried at Jerusalem.
- He should have been busy for God.
- He should have done the work himself, not send some else to do it for him. e.g. sending a Deacon out to do the job of the Pastor.
- Idle hands are the tool of the devil - **SEE Romans 12:11.**
- **B.** He was in the **bed** when he should have been in the **battle.** Satisfied and stagnant.
- When Christians backslide, don't usually do during a time of adversity but prosperity.
- The heart turns from God and to something else.
- David's case sex.
- David was saved and satisfied - not seeking the Lord's will.
- Paul tells us - **See Romans 13:11-1⁴2.** - "Wake up" it is **later than you think."**

II. HE WAS COMMITTED TO SELF AND NOT TO GOD.

- II SAMUEL 11:3-27.
- **A.** He satisfied the desire of the flesh. -II Sam. 11:3-4
- Vs. 2 - He **saw**, not just glance, he looked upon her, he thought her.
- You know ^{↳ About} how temptation works, you debate over whether or not you should do a thing. *on not*
- Vs. 3 - David gave into temptation.
- He didn't look for a way to escape. - I Cor. 10:13.
- **SEE James 1:13-15.**
- David gave into the **lust of the eyes** - he saw her, looked upon, her.
- David gave into the **lust of the flesh** - went into her V4.
- David gave into the **pride of life** - attitude, "I'm King, I can do anything I want"

- **B.** He set out to cover up the discovery of his sin.
- II Sam. 11:5-27.

- Just like Adam and Eve did they hid from God, covered self with fig leaves.
- Notice V5 - woman with child.
- David doesn't go to God and repent, but instead leans on his own understanding.
- When his plan doesn't work, Uriah doesn't lie with his wife.
- David covers up with another sin of murder.
- He makes matters worse, doing it his way!

III. HE FORGOT THE SOURCE OF HIS GREATNESS.

- II SAM. 11:27b - 12:8
- **A.** His deception fooled everyone but the One with whom you cannot hide. The God of Heaven!
- Vs 27 - "But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD."
- The Lord ^{Saw} ~~say~~ everything.
- **See Psalm 44:21, Prov. 15:3, Jer. 23:24.**
- **B.** He discovered his position, power, and possession all came from and were controlled by this same ONE - The God of Heaven.
- Vs. 7 - "I annointed thee king over Israel"
- Vs. 7 - "I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul"
- Vs. 8 - Read.
- 1 Sam. 12:6 - God exalts, advances the man of God.

IV. HE FORGOT THE RESULTS OF SIN.

- **SEE NUMBERS 32:23** - "...be sure your sin will find you out."
- II SAM. 12:9-14.
- **A.** It will be revealed, by God's man through God's Word.
- Vs. 9 - Nathan, God's man, tells David - he despised God's Word, "the commandment of the Lord".
- What God's man, the pastor is to do is to preach the Word, call it out, sin is sin, preach against it.
- Heb. 4:12, tells us the Word of God, cuts, and exposes.
- **READ Heb. 4:12**
- **B.** It will be forgive, when confessed, V13, Psalm 51.
- Adultery under Mosiac Law was a Capital Offense, penalty death by stoning - See Lev. 20:10
- Murder also capital offense - penalty death.
- No sacrifices for capital offences.
- However, II Sam. 7:15 - God promised not to remove his mercy (Holy Spirit) from David.
- David knew he could loose, Holy Spirit, Psalm 51:11.
- David deserve to have it taken away.

- But God promised wouldn't.
- Because the Messiah come from David through Mary.

C. It will be reaped. Vs 10-12,14. *read*

- See Galatians 6:7
- David reaped big-time.
- Baby had with Bathsheba died Vs 14,18.
- David always fighting other nations - no peace in Israel, Vs10
- Unsaved blaspheme God - David pour testimony - V14
- David not allowed to build temple.
- Absalom, David's son had a sister, Tamar, another son Amnon rapes her, Absalom kills Amnon for raping his sister. (II Sam. 13).
- Absalom fled
- Steals hearts of people - II Sam. 15:6
- He leads a conspiracy against his father.
- Absalom killed by one of David's men, Joab - II Sam. 18:14
- David weeped bitterly over son he loved - SEE II Sam. 18:33

CONCLUSION:

- These same mistakes are made by every Christian when ~~fail~~ *they fall*.
- Beware and be warned.
- **No** Christian is above it.
- *David was a man after God's own heart still he fell*