

Dealing With Our Sin

Text : **II Samuel 12: 1-15 ; Psalms 51: 1-4**

- A. Today we will discuss dealing with a universal problem, SIN.** S#1.
S#2.
1. Everyone sins.
 - a. **Eccl. 7: 20** – Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins. S#3.
 - b. **Rom. 3: 10** – as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one;
 - c. **Rom. 3: 23** – for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 2. Sin is a terminal condition.
 - a. Sin caused Adam & Eve to be driven away from the Tree of Life.
 - b. Sin brought about the death of humanity in the universal flood.
 - c. Sin separates men from God, bringing spiritual death on all mankind.

Isa 59: 1-2 Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. **2** But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. S#4.
 - d. Separation from God is called “*spiritual death*.” S#5.

Rom. 6: 23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- B. Christians strive not to sin, but the “ALL” that sin includes Christians.** S#6.
1. How do Christians deal with sin in their own lives ?
 2. When one's life is focused on sanctification, how does he deal with his failures ?
- C. What is the worst sin you have ever committed ?**
1. How did you deal with it ?
 2. How did it affect your life going forward ?
- D. We can learn a lot about dealing with our sin by studying the life of David.** S#7.
1. **Rom. 15: 4** – For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
 2. David's life was so devoted to God, he was said to be of one heart with God.

Acts 13: 22 – After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will.’ S#8.

(cf – **I Sam. 13:14**)
- Let us learn some lessons from how a righteous man addresses his sins.** S#9.

I. There is no sin that you are incapable of committing.**S#10.****A. God has cautioned us that we must never feel that we are above sin.****S#11.**

1. **I Cor. 10: 12** – Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.
2. **Rom. 12: 3** – For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

S#12**B. So long as one is in this body of clay he cannot get out of Satan's reach.****S#13.**

1. **Eph. 2: 3** – Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **S#14.**
2. **Gal. 5:16-17** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. **17** For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. **S#15.**
3. No matter how sanctified one becomes, the body never surrenders.

C. David was exceptionally devoted to God.

1. He was very conscientious about keeping God's Law.
2. When Saul was persecuting him, he had repeated opportunities to kill him but didn't.
3. **Psa. 27: 4** – One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple. **S#16.**

D. This most devoted of believers committed the most deplorable of sins.

1. Summarize ... **II Sam. 11**
2. Apply to modern times

II. One cannot hide his sin from God.**S#17.****A. From times past 'til times eternal, God knows the sin of mankind.**

1. **Prov. 28: 13** – He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion. **S#18.**
2. **Num. 32: 23** – But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out.

3. God knew the sin of Achan when no one else did.
 - a. After the defeat of the mighty city of Jericho the village of Ai defeated them.
 - b. When Joshua asked why, God explained it was because Israel had sinned.
Josh. 7: 11 – Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant #19.
 which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put them among their own things.
 - c. **Joshua 7: 18-21** ... From the whole assembly, God identified Achan as the culprit.

B. God knows the deeds and the motives behind the deeds of every person.

1. **Matt. 12: 36** – But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, S#20.
 they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.
2. **II Cor. 5: 10** – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
3. **I Cor. 4: 5** – Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but S#21.
 wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

C. David thought he had hidden his sin with Bathsheba.

1. It had been somewhere near a year since he had committed his sin with her.
 - a. He had murdered her husband.
 - b. He had married her.
 - c. The child was born. Life was proceeding as normal.
2. Summarize ... **II Sam. 12: 1-15**

III. God will forgive any sin if the Christian will confess and humbly repent. S#22.

A. Many say, “I have done such bad things that God could never forgive me.” S#23.

1. **II Sam. 12: 13** – Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” S#24.
 And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.
2. David had committed adultery and had murdered a man to take his wife.
3. Your sins could not be worse than the sins of David.

B. David did not deny his sin or make excuses.

1. Adam and Eve tried to make excuses .. “The woman YOU gave me..” “The serpent”
2. David admitted, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

3. Admitting sins is prerequisite to forgiveness. Speaking to Christians the Apostle said
I John 1: 9 – **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

C. Repentance is also a prerequisite to forgiveness.

1. **Acts 3: 19** – **Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, S#25.**
in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;
2. “Godly sorrow” is an essential part of repentance. (*Regret sinning, not getting caught*)
II Cor. 7: 10 – **For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces**
a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the
sorrow of the world produces death.

D. David’s heart was broken by his sin.

Psa. 51: 1-4 Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; **S#26.**
 according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my
 transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and
 cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I know my transgressions, and
my sin is ever before me. **4** Against You, You only, I have sinned
 and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified
 when You speak and blameless when You judge.

E. How do we respond when we are caught in Sin ?

S#27.

1. Do we try to hide it ?
2. Do we make excuses ? or blame others ?
3. Do we get regretful that we got caught or are we genuinely sorrowful for our sin?

S#28.

IV. Though God forgives the guilt of sin, He does not remove the consequences.

A. We must not think that we will not suffer the consequences of our sins. S#29.

1. **Gen. 9: 6** – **Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed.**
2. **Exod. 22: 1** ... If a man would steal a sheep he must repay four for the one.
3. If someone commits a crime he can be forgiven, but he must still go to jail.

B. Though David was forgiven, his sin brought about terrible consequences. S#30.

1. **II Sam. 12: 13** – **Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” S#31.**
And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has taken away your sin;
you shall not die.
2. **II Sam. 12:10** – **‘Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house,**
because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah
the Hittite to be your wife.’

D. David's consequences were fourfold that of his own sin.**S#32.**

1. **II Sam. 12: 18** ... The child of Bathsheba died.
 - a. If this child died seven days after being born, the timing is significant.
 - b. Boys are circumcised on the 8th day. Given a name, added to God's covenant.
2. **II Sam. 13: 28-29** ... Amnon, David's firstborn son, was murdered by Absalom
 - a. Amnon raped his half-sister, Tamar, the full sister of Absalom.
 - b. 2 years later Absalom laid a trap for Amnon and had him slain.
3. **II Sam. 16: 14-15** ... A few years later Absalom is killed by David's general
 - a. Absalom was in exile for a few years but is allowed to return to Jerusalem.
 - b. After his return Absalom fomented a rebellion against his father, David.
 - c. Absalom's long hair got caught in a tree branch and he was speared while hanging.
4. **I Kings 2: 24-25** ... Solomon had his older brother, Adonijah killed.
 - a. Adonijah was the fourth born son and thought he would be King.
 - b. When Solomon was named king, Adonijah asked for Abishag as his wife.
 - c. This was part of a plot to take the throne away from Solomon.

E. David's life illustrates the eternal principle of sowing and reaping.**S#33.**

1. **Gal. 6: 7** – **Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.**
2. **II Sam. 16: 20-23** ... Absalom violated 10 of David's concubines on David's roof.

CONCLUSION :**S#34.****A. Even the most righteous person can be ensnared by the devil. YOU will sin.****S#35.****B. Never try to hide your sin from God. He knows all you do and why you do it.****S#36.****C. There is NO sin too terrible for God to forgive if one will confess it and repent.****S#37.****D. When God forgives, He removes the guilt of sin, but not the consequences.****INVITATION : Come into His grace and receive His forgiveness.****S#38.****S#39.** *Communion Slide*

Lesson Text :**II Samuel 12: 1-15**

1 Then the Lord sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said, "There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. **2** The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. **3** But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb which he bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, and was like a daughter to him. **4** Now a traveler came to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd, to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5 Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. **6** He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

7 Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. **8** I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these! **9** 'Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon. **10** Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' **11** "Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. **12** 'Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.'" **13** Then David said to Nathan, " I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. **14** However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die." **15** So Nathan went to his house.

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