

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Nathan Rebukes David

- The Lord sent Nathan to deliver a message of divine discipline to David [2 Sam 12:1-15a].
 - David had previously consulted Nathan regarding the building of the temple [2 Sam 7:1-17].
 - This time, Nathan's message to David began with a parable [vv. 1b-4].
 - David responded with anger toward the rich man of the parable [vv. 5-6].
 - Nathan gave a convicting (and indisputable) indictment against David as he explained that the rich man represented him [vv. 7-9].
 - ✦ David was reminded of all that God had done for him and told that He would have done even more [vv. 7-8].
 - ✦ David was severely rebuked for his actions in The Bathsheba Incident [v. 9].
 - The specifics of the Lord's discipline upon David was then spelled out [vv. 10-12].
 - ✦ David's reign as king would continually be involved in military conflict [v. 10].
 - ✦ David would have adversaries rise up against him from within his own household [v. 11a; Micah 7:6].
 - ✦ His sin would be thrown back in his face [vv. 11b-12].
 - David responded with an immediate repentance and confession [v. 13a].
 - David's sins were forgiven, but the consequences of his sins were very real [vv. 13b-14].
 - ✦ David had been headed for the sin unto death, but his repentance and confession had averted that [v. 13b].
 - ✦ However, the child of his adultery would die [v. 14].
- The child of David and Bathsheba's adultery became sick and died [2 Sam 12:15b, 18a].
 - The child was taken to heaven according to the doctrine of age of accountability [2 Sam 12:23].
 - Repentance does not guarantee the removal of the consequences of sin [Gal 6:7].
 - However, if one remains humble, God's discipline will result in blessing [Heb 12:11].
- While the child was sick David prayed for the child and fasted continually [2 Sam 12:16-17].
- When his prayer requests were denied, David responded with humility [2 Sam 12:18-23].
 - The servants were afraid to tell David [v. 18].
 - David accepted the will of God [vv. 19-20].
 - His servants were confused by his behavior, so David taught them a Bible lesson [vv. 21-23].
- Bathsheba was grieving because of the death of their child, so David went in to comfort her [2 Sam 12:24a].
- The Lord allowed Bathsheba to get pregnant and have another child [2 Sam 12:24b-25].
 - The Lord loved Solomon (שָׁלוֹם = peace) [v. 24c].
 - The Lord gave Solomon a spiritual name of Jedidiah (יְדִידְיָהּ = beloved of the Lord) [v. 25].

- Meanwhile, the war against the Ammonites continued on [2 Sam 12:26-31].
 - Joab was having some military success [v. 26].
 - He sent word to David asking him to join in the battle (so David could get the glory) [vv. 27-28].
 - David joined the battle and completed the victory that Joab had already mostly secured [vv. 29-30].
 - David put the Ammonites under slavery [v. 31].