

Introduction

Sometimes there are occasions in our lives when we invite problems into our lives because we voluntarily place ourselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Such was the case with what we see in this chapter regarding King David. Though he conquered Goliath the giant, here he is conquered by his own lusts because of some other things that were wrong in his life that led up to his great sins.

His actions here became the big blot in his life.

1 Kings 15:5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

Last week we saw,

- I. **DAVID'S PRIORITIES WERE IN THE WRONG PLACE. (Vs 1)**
David should have been out to war with his troops, but instead, he was at his home relaxing (goofing off.) Here we see he left the rigors of battle to others... no longer fighting the battle of the LORD as he had before...which opened him to spiritual attack. He had laid his physical armor aside and unfortunately on this day he had also laid aside his spiritual armor!
- II. **DAVID'S EYES WERE IN THE WRONG PLACE! (Vs 2)**
When Bathsheba took her bath, David should have turned away when he first saw her, but instead he continued to watch allowing his lust to burn hot and out of control!

Tonight let's look at a few more things we see here:

- III. **DAVID'S MOUTH WAS IN THE WRONG PLACE! (Vs 3-4)**
We See David's Inquiries And Command's Leading To Sin!
The same mouth that David had used to **worship, singing** unto and **praising** the LORD with...the same mouth out of which he had **glorified** the LORD for working in his life...the same mouth that he had spoken such **wisdom** at various times, was used here to **ask after** and **communicate a lustful demand** that the woman whom he lusted after be brought to him!

David is the one who penned these words in *Psalm 19:14* "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

Here, neither the words of his mouth and or the meditation of his heart were acceptable in the LORD's sight!

Where were his words here to ask the LORD to keep him back from presumptuous sin?

Psalm 19:13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

The LORD could have helped keep him from going from the thought of adultery to the act of adultery, but he left the LORD out of it! His lusts were totally out of control and thereby totally in control of driving his actions at this point!

DAVID'S PRIORITIES...EYES...MOUTH...

- IV. **DAVID'S BODY WAS IN THE WRONG PLACE! (Vs 5)**
He committed adultery with Bathsheba and she became pregnant! David hadn't counted on her becoming pregnant!

2 Samuel 3:2-5 mentions six wives that David already had, but that wasn't enough for him! He made this play for another man's wife to fulfill the lusts of his flesh! And in doing so he sinned greatly!

- V. **DAVID'S HEART AND MIND WERE IN THE WRONG PLACE!**

We look at this story and we say, "What was David thinking!?" The thing is, **he wasn't thinking** about the LORD, about Bathsheba, about Uriah, about his parents, about his family, or about his nation!

- A. **David Greatly Sinned Against The LORD!**
David knew the law! The LORD couldn't have said it any clearer! *Exodus 20:14 "Thou shalt not commit adultery."*

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Plus we'll see there were other laws of God that he violated!
When we sin, our sin is PRIMARILY against God!

B. David Greatly Sinned Against Bathsheba!

1. He committed adultery with her!

Exodus 20:14 "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Some have suggested that Bathsheba was culpable in this sin as well, but that doesn't matter as it relates to David's guilt!

2. He killed her husband!

Exodus 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill."

C. David Greatly Sinned Against Uriah The Hittite!

1. He first coveted Uriah's wife!

Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife..."

2. He then committed adultery with Uriah's wife!

Exodus 20:14 "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

3. He then had Uriah killed! (Vs 14-15)

Exodus 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill."

4. He then stole Uriah's wife! (Vs 27)

Exodus 20:15 "Thou shalt not steal."

D. David Greatly Sinned Against His Parents!

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

His actions brought dishonor to his parents even though they are not mentioned here! And it doesn't matter even if his parents were still alive or not! He brought dishonor to them by his sin being known!

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E. David Greatly Sinned Against His Family!

I don't want to get ahead of myself right now, but we will soon see from the Scripture that some of the biggest consequences of David's sins were reaped through his family.

F. David Greatly Sinned Against His Nation!

1. He Made Others Partakers Of His Sins!

The ones he sent to enquire about Bathsheba. (Vs 3)

The ones he sent to secure Bathsheba to himself.(Vs 4)

The ones he sent to get Uriah off the battlefield. (Vs 5)

He made Joab complicit in the murder of Uraiah.(Vs15)

2. Others died as Joab carried out David's plan.(Vs 17)

3. Uriah died as Joab carried out David's plan. (Vs 17)

Uriah is listed in 1 Chronicles 11:41 as one of David's *valiant men!* He had honorably served both David and the nation of Israel and was dealt with treacherously!

G. David Greatly Sinned Against Himself!

Again, I don't want to get ahead of myself right now, but we will see in the next chapter that though he received forgiveness from God, David was greatly affected by these great sins!

1. David Added To And Even Multiplied His Sins!

a. David Attempted A "Clean" Coverup.

(Vs 5-13)

Though there is nothing "clean" about deceit!

Sir Walter Scott had it right when he was quoted as saying, *"Oh! What a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!"*

We see David's deception in calling for Uriah to come home from the battle field under false pretenses.

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However, Uriah did not cooperate in doing what David had hoped for! So David's tangled web of sin got even more tangled for him!

The "clean" cover up didn't work!

2. David Attempted A "Battlefield" Coverup.
(Vs 14-24)

David Added To And Even Multiplied His Sins!

B. David Sinned Against His Own Body!

1 Corinthians 6:18 "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

C. David Sinned Against His Own Spirit!

He became overwhelmed with the guilt of his sin!

We'll see in the days to come that David lost his peace and had great turmoil within from what he did!

Conclusion

Here's the bottom line... When we sin, we don't sin in a vacuum!

We can think that our sin affects no one but us, but we'd be wrong!

When We Sin We Primarily Sin Against God!

When We Sin Our Sin Affects Others!

When We Sin We Are Affected Too!