

"The Trials of a King"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (November 3, 2013)

Introduction: We can identify with the things at work in **The Story**. Each character reveals more about God's love for us. Today we discover that David has it all. Everything he does turns to gold. He defeats enemies time and again, shows kindness to Mephibosheth, and expands his kingdom. The world is at peace and David is at rest in his palace. Then we learn in **II Samuel 11** that David lets down his guard and makes tragic choices that cause a pivotal shift in David's life. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. The Tragedy of David Sin

- A. Committing the sin of adultery.
 - Bathsheba's father was Eliam - **II Samuel 23:34, I Chronicles 3:5**
 - Bathsheba's grandfather was Ahitophel - **Joshua 15:51, II Samuel 15:12**
 - Bathsheba's husband was Uriah - **II Samuel 23:37, I Chronicles 11:41**
- B. Covering up the sin of adultery (**II Samuel 11:10-11, II Samuel 11-12**).
- C. Complicating the sin of adultery (**II Samuel 11:15, Psalm 51**).

II. The Confrontation Over David Sin

- A. Nathan answers the call of God (**II Samuel 12:1-6**).
- B. Nathan delivers a command from God (**II Samuel 12:7-12**).
- C. David confesses his sin to God (**II Samuel 12:7-12**).

III. The Consequences of David's Sin

- A. The consequences in his personal life.
 - The baby boy dies (**II Samuel 12:10, 13, 19**).
 - David's daughter is raped (**II Samuel 13:14**).
 - Amnon is murdered (**II Samuel 13:28-29**).
 - Absalom rebels from David and usurp the throne (**II Samuel 16:15-16**).
 - David flees in fear, but Joab murders Absalom (**II Samuel 18:14-15**).
 - David arrogantly orders a census (**II Samuel 24:2**).
 - God sends a plague upon the people (**II Samuel 24:15**).
- B. The consequences in his kingdom (**II Samuel 16-24**).

 - Joab is punished and Amasa is promoted to general (**II Samuel 19:13**).
 - David's sons over his concubines (**I Kings 1:1-4, 15, 2:17-22**).
 - Solomon distrusted Adonijah, so he was put to death (**I Kings 2:17-25**).

- C. The consequences in his spiritual walk (**I Chronicles 29:10-13, Psalm 51:1-12**).

Conclusion: When we read the story of David we feel his pain, his frustration, and his fears. But we also see his trials as a way Satan tried to attack the Serpent Crushers. Once again, the devil is trying to thwart God's plans and cause mankind to fall away. When you sin what will you do? Will you repent? Will you confess? Will you give it to God?