

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 03 Jun 2018	.....2Sam 1-2	.....Respected
2) 10 Jun	.....2Sam 3-4	.....Crowned
3) 17 Jun	.....2Sam 5-6	.....Celebrated
4) 24 Jun	.....2Sam 7-8	.....Established
5) 01 Jul	.....2Sam 9-10	.....Valued
<b>6) 08 Jul</b>	<b>.....2Sam 11-12</b>	<b>.....Accountable</b>
7) 15 Jul	.....2Sam 13-14	.....Grieved
8) 22 Jul	.....2Sam 15-17	.....Deposed
9) 29 Jul	.....2Sam 18-19	.....Restored
10) 05 Aug	.....2Sam 20	.....Averted
11) 12 Aug	.....2Sam 21	.....Resolved
12) 19 Aug	.....2Sam 22-23	.....Thankful
13) 26 Aug	.....2Sam 24	.....Disciplined

**INTRODUCTION**

**David is an Enigma – a Puzzle**

- If you or I had as many spouses and concubines as he had, AND we are still not satisfied, so we look to have an affair where we kill our lover's spouse and others, how could we be called "a person after God's own heart"? ..... **1Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22**
- We wouldn't even be allowed into church much less teach Sunday School, be a Deacon, or be left alone in a room with someone's wife. BUT – David's redeemed life shows what a great God we have! (I still wouldn't leave him alone in a room with my wife)
- Why was David special?
- Why wasn't God willing to restore others?
  - ♦ Ananias & Saphira died instantly for lying not lusting ..... **Acts 5**
  - ♦ Achan & his family were killed for stealing not killing ..... **Josh 7**
  - ♦ Man killed for picking up firewood on the Sabbath .... **Num 15:32-35**
  - ♦ Man killed for cursing God ..... **Lev 24:11-16**
  - ♦ Christians died for abusing Communion ..... **1Cor 11:30**
- Seven (7) things God abhors (**Prov 6:16-19**), written by Solomon, King David's son – and David, 'a man after God's own heart' – was guilty of all of them
  1. Haughty eyes (Pride – I can do anything I want)
  2. A lying tongue (I didn't do it)
  3. Hands that shed innocent blood
  4. A heart that devises wicked plans
  5. Feet that run rapidly to evil
  6. A false witness who utters lies
  7. And one who spreads strife among brothers
- And David was guilty of crimes worthy of the death penalty:
  - ♦ Adultery – Taking his neighbor's wife ..... **Deut 22:24**
  - ♦ Murder (Uriah and numerous other servants) ..... **Deut 19:21**

Passage	Comments
2Sam 11:1-27	<p><b>Lust of the Eyes Lead to Years of Turmoil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-5. What principles did David violate when he succumbed to adultery? Consider the following:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The wicked don't consider the consequences of their actions ..... <b>Lam 1:9; Prov 5:6</b></li> <li>2. Do not commit adultery ..... <b>Ex 20:14; Deut 22:22</b></li> <li>3. Lust never quits ..... <b>Prov 27:20</b> (Msg)</li> <li>4. Others?</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
A note on Uriah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uriah is one of King David's top 30 elite soldiers (<b>2Samuel 23:24,39</b>) – a member of the royal bodyguard and a loyal Hittite, whose people were supposed to get annihilated when Israel marched into the Promised Land 400 years earlier (<b>Exodus 23:23</b>)</li> <li>• Uriah's priorities and intense loyalty and devotion to his king and to his troops overrode his physical need to be with his young and beautiful wife</li> <li>• Where do we see such loyalty today? Military?</li> <li>• Should we have such loyalty? Why or why not?</li> </ul>

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12:1-31	<p><b>David Pronounces His Own Judgement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathan, the prophet portrays David's sin within the context of a rich man stealing a poor man's lamb</li> <li>• v6. David pronounces his own judgement – "He must make restitution for the lamb FOURFOLD, because he did this thing and had no compassion"</li> </ul>
David's 4-fold payment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We see in Chapter 12 that David lost his youngest unnamed son at the time</li> <li>2. In chapter 13, Absalom kills David's oldest son, Amnon for raping his sister, Tamar.</li> <li>3. Then Absalom (son #3) is killed off in Chap 18 by Joab</li> <li>4. Solomon killed David's 4th oldest son, Adonijah, in <b>1Kings 2</b></li> </ol> <p>One son is missing, David's 2nd son, Chileab by Abigail (<b>2Sam 3:3</b>). He is presumed dead since Adonijah told his mom he was next in line to the throne (<b>1Kings 2:15</b>).</p>
More Thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BUT wait! Doesn't Scriptures say that children will not pay for the sins of the father? How do we address the skeptics about this? ..... <b>Ezek 18: 20</b></li> </ul> <p>Consider this...this statement was made after the Davidic kingdom. Ezekiel's statement could also be more appropriate for the Millennial Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where else can Nathan's analogy of a rich man taking a poor man's possession to satisfy his needs be applicable today?                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How about when a big church who has numerous former and retired pastors in its midst opts to take a pastor away from a smaller church to fill its pulpit. Now the small church is pastorless? Will judgment come to the big church in some form or fashion?</li> <li>2. Others?</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- If people wait till God has to humble them they could waste many years – and the pain will be that much more severe
- To minimize damage, seek God's forgiveness and restoration early
- Don't be like David and wait till God has to act
- God may be merciful and forgiving, but He must protect His holy name from being trampled before unbelievers because of our sins

**NEXT WEEK: 2Samuel 13-14.** Recall David's pronouncement of restitution for the story Nathan told him regarding a rich man taking the poor man's lamb. It was to be 4-fold. This pronouncement seemed foretelling of what David would eventually pay for killing Uriah.

