

II Samuel 12:1-14

Lesson #13, David's Repentance

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."

[1.] v:1-4, Nathan could have laid it on David, flat out, but he used a story! Some of the elements of the story were:

1) 1 city; two men; rich and poor.

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[2.] v:5-6, Write down David's response to the story.

[3.] v:5-6 again, How might David have responded if he knew the story was about him?

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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."

[4.] v:9, What did Nathan say David actually did by doing evil?

[5.] From question [4.] As leaders, if we sin, how is that also a fact regarding us?

[6.] v:10-12, Sum up David's penalty in three statements.

[7.] v:13, What was David's confession?

[8.] v:13 again, What did David realize about himself?

[9.] v:13 again, Why was Nathan's response a relief to David?

[10.] v:14, What reason did Nathan give to David as to why the baby would die?

[11.] Romans 2:17-24 gives another example of how the Name of God is blasphemed. What is it?

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Psalm 32

*How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!*

*2 How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit!*

3 When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

*4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah.*

*5 I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;
I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";
And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.*

*6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found;
Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.*

*7 You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.*

*8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.*

*9 Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding,
Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check,
Otherwise they will not come near to you.*

*10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
But he who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness shall surround him.*

*11 Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones;
And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.*

Answer the following from *Psalm 32*.

[12.] *v:1-2*, List four reasons why this man was truly blessed?

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[13.] ***u:3-4***, Describe the results of a man's silence about his sin?

[14.] ***u:5***, Describe what the man did regarding his sin.

[15.] ***u:6-7***, Write how the man praised the Lord for His forgiveness.

[16.] ***u:8-9***, describes why we study God's Word and what God teaches us through our study. List some of God's promises.

[17.] ***u:10***, What surrounds the man who trusts in the Lord?

[18.] ***u:11***, Who are the ones that God says can be *glad in the Lord*?

[19.] Why can we sense David's joy when he wrote *Psalms 32*?