

David's Sin Uncovered

II Samuel 12:1-13

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Summary: Justification with God by grace through faith; that is what the confrontation and repentance of David is all about. David had committed adultery and murder and in vain tried to cover it up. The picturesque yet piercing conviction of God through Nathan resulted in repentance for David, but it was not the repentance that saved him. It was the mercy of God alone that saved David, just like it is for us today.

1. A. Is there a place for boasting of self effort for Christians?
Romans 3:26-28
- B. Please explain the contrast between earning your way to God and trusting in Christ for salvation.
Romans 4:4-5, Ephesians 2:8-9, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21:1-7
- C. As the apostle Paul quoted from David, how are we blessed as Believers who trust in the finished work of Christ?
Romans 4:6-8
2. A. It wasn't always this way for David. During the comfort and prestige of his success, what was David's downfall?
II Samuel 11:1-5, 14-17, 25-27
- B. Consumed with lust instead of being consumed with God, David saw, sent and then took another man's wife. To cover up, he then had the husband murdered. What was really going on?
James 1:13-16, I Peter 2:11, Revelation 2:4
- C. Mark it; cover up of sin never works. How was this a severe problem for David, and can be for us as well?
Psalms 32:3-4, Proverbs 6:27-29
3. A. What was the word picture that Nathan the prophet gave to David, and why would this connect directly into his heart?
II Sam. 12:1-4, 7:8, Psalm 23:1
- B. In what fashion then does David respond?
II Sam. 12:5-6
- C. David was hot as spewing lava over the sin of this **other** man, but what about his own? Do we not do the same? How well we see every one else's sin except our own! Does this not apply to the "smaller" sins, too? What about loving the world and all that is in the world? And our own lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and boastful pride of life? Our own selfishness, unbelief, self will, envy, greed, unforgiveness, dishonesty, gossip, laziness, hypocrisy, self-importance and thankless discontent; should we not address these before God?
Ephesians 4:25-32, I John 1:8-10, 2:15-17

4. A. As the conviction turns personal for David, what points does God make through Nathan?
II Samuel 12:7-12

- B. Describe David's repentance and the mercy of God on him.
II Samuel 12:13

- C. Do you confess your sins to God, trusting in His mercy on your behalf?
Psalm 51:1-4, 7-17, 103:8-12, Isaiah 53:5-12, Romans 5:8, I Peter 2:24