

## David's Sin: Its Consequences

II Samuel 12:7-14

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**Summary:** When David confessed his sins, God was faithful and righteous to forgive him of his sins. But the consequences were still very severe. The enemies of God now had a new reason to blaspheme. The innocent suffer. Sin multiplied in David's family as they became enslaved to lust. The violence of the sword followed him for the rest of his life. He suffered public humiliation and weak parenting skills from a guilty conscience. And many others were led astray as they responded to his bad example. These are all sobering reasons for us to "*be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*"

1. A. What did David do in spite of God's goodness to him? How did David respond when confronted by Nathan the prophet?  
II Samuel 12:7-13
  
- B. The Lord took away David's sin upon his confession. How was David justified even before God?  
Psalm 32:5, 51:1-2, 51:7-10, Isaiah 53:5-6, I John 1:8-9
  
- C. Is it not the very same for us today?  
Romans 8:1-4, II Corinthians 5:21
  
2. A. What was the first consequence mentioned in II Samuel 12:14a?
  
- B. It's no secret that the world is looking for dirt from God's people. What must we do in order to hate sin and cling to what is good, so they don't have an occasion to blaspheme our God?  
Psalm 97:10, Proverbs 8:13, Romans 12:9, II Corinthians 6:16-7:1
  
3. A. What was the second consequence given in II Samuel 12:14b?
  
- B. Sadly, God is often blamed when the innocent suffer. But suffering is really caused by **our sin**, not by any injustice with God. By what frame of reference would this be the case?  
Leviticus 10:1-3, Psalm 51:3-4, Revelation 4:8
  
4. A. What cause and effect warning do we find in II Samuel 12:9 and 11?
  
- B. Sexual sin was multiplied in David's family because of his example (II Samuel 13:1 and 14-16, I Kings 11:1-3). Parents, what is your example like? Is it loving God more than anything, out of a pure heart?  
Proverbs 4:23, John 15:9-11, Titus 2:11-14
  
5. A. What other example of David would come back to haunt him?  
II Samuel 12:10
  
- B. David enjoyed one night of passion but paid for it with a life time of violence. It's not worth it, is it?  
II Samuel 12:9-10, Galatians 6:7

6. David suffered consequences of public humiliation as well as weak parenting skills because of a guilty conscience (II Samuel 12:11-12, 13:19-22, 28-29, 37-39). How much better for us to humble ourselves before God and turn away from evil (Proverbs 3:7).

7. Will you apply yourself to *be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus*?  
II Timothy 2:1-10