

2 SAMUEL 12 – Nathan’s Parable and David’s Confession; Death of David’s Son!

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GRACE GREATER THAN ALL OUR SIN– Julia Johnson – sung Bob Kauflin

1. *Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. *Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)*

3. *Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! All who are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? (Refrain)*

Chapter 12– Nathan Faces David With His Sins; David Repents!

In chapter 11 we saw “what not to do” with temptation; dealing with sin; covering it up, not coming clean in confessing to God and to others affected, which is so hard, but not nearly as hard as dealing with the consequences of not dealing with sin and covering it up! We see David's sin in all of its blackness and ugliness. The Word of God does not whitewash David's actions. David displeased the Lord, and God is going to do something about it. In chapter 11 we left David. He thought he had gotten away with his sin, but he was wrong. David is going to live to regret that he ever committed that awful sin. The first verse introduces us to Nathan, one of the bravest men in Scripture. David could have merely lifted his scepter and could have had Nathan executed. The LORD sent Nathan unto David. He came and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor **2Sa 12:1**. Nathan is going to tell David a story. It is a story that will reveal David as though he were looking in a mirror. The Word of God is a mirror that reveals us as we really are. Nathan is going to hold up a mirror so that David can get a good look at himself.

Nathan’s Parable and David’s Confession - 2Sa 12:1 *Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor.*

2Sa 12:2 *The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds.*

2Sa 12:3 *But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him.*

2Sa 12:4 *And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."*

2Sa 12:5 *So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!*

2Sa 12:6 *And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity."*

2Sa 12:7 *Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.*

2Sa 12:8 *I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!*

- David, you are the man! ...I anointed you!...I delivered you!...I gave you!

2Sa 12:9 *Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.*

- You have killed Uriah....You have taken his wife!

2Sa 12:10 *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.*

- Sin indeed has consequences! Never shall the sword depart from David’s house!
- Four of David’s sons will die – the baby; Amnon; Absalom; Adonijah

2Sa 12:11 *Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.*

2Sa 12:12 *For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' "*

2Sa 12:13 *So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.*

- Unlike Saul, David’s confession is clean and uncluttered. He takes full responsibility – no blame shifting!

- David had committed two capital crimes – adultery and murder – God is gracious, David will not die

2Sa 12:14 *However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.*

- Here may be the greatest consequence of the sin – giving occasion for the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme Him! David is forgiven, but consequences will follow the rest of his life!

2Sa 12:15 *Then Nathan departed to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill.*

2Sa 12:16 *David therefore pleaded with God for the child, and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.*

2Sa 12:17 *So the elders of his house arose and went to him, to raise him up from the ground. But he would not, nor did he eat food with them.*

2Sa 12:18 *Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, "Indeed, while the child was alive, we spoke to him, and he would not heed our voice. How can we tell him that the child is dead? He may do some harm!"*

2Sa 12:19 *When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."*

2Sa 12:20 *So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.*

- Knowing that it was God's will that the child died, David responds by washing and going into worship!

2Sa 12:21 *Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you arose and ate food."*

2Sa 12:22 *And he said, "While the child was alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who can tell whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?'"*

2Sa 12:23 *But now he is dead; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."*

- This is a great encouragement for those who have lost a child. They will be together again in heaven!

2Sa 12:24 *Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the LORD loved him,*

2Sa 12:25 *and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.*

- Here we see the grace of God being poured out! After all, God recognizes the marriage to Bathsheba and gives a son, whom God loves and will have reign after David!

2Sa 12:26 *Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and took the royal city.*

2Sa 12:27 *And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and I have taken the city's water supply.*

2Sa 12:28 *Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called after my name."*

2Sa 12:29 *So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, fought against it, and took it.*

- Here, not only confession, but repentance is shown. David returned to do God's work!

SUMMARY:

- David, you are the man! I anointed you! I delivered you! I gave you! You have killed Uriah, taken his wife!
- Sin indeed has consequences! Never shall the sword depart from David's house! Four (repay fourfold) of David's sons will die – the baby; Amnon; Absalom; Adonijah
- Unlike Saul, David's confession is clean and uncluttered. He takes full responsibility – no blame shifting! Repentance follows – David returned to do God's work!
- David had committed two capital crimes – adultery and murder – God is gracious, David will not die
- Here may be the greatest consequence of the sin – giving occasion for the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme Him! David is forgiven, but consequences will follow the rest of his life!
- Knowing that it was God's will that the child died, David responds by washing and going into worship!
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- Here we see the grace of God being poured out! After all, God recognizes the marriage to Bathsheba (through her line, the Messiah will come!) and gives a son, whom God loves and will reign after David!

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