

## DAVID SINS WITH BATHSHEBA

## 2 Samuel 11–12

**Lesson Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:12** - "For whom the Lord loves He corrects, even as a father the son in whom he delights."

**Lesson Aim:** God punishes those who disobey His holy law. We can show that we love God's law by confessing our sins and by obeying His commands.

**Lesson Plan:** Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

**KEY (for Attention):** Quicksand is dangerous. It is found in areas filled with very soft sand soaked in standing water. It can kill a person that accidentally steps into it. The more a person struggles to get out of it, the deeper he will sink into the quicksand. If he is not pulled out of it by someone standing on firm ground, he will be sucked into it and buried alive. Quicksand is like sin. Once a person sins, he will sink deeper and deeper into his sins. If he tries to get out of his sins by his own works, he will die in his sins. The only One who can save him from his sins is the Lord Jesus.

**HE (for Authority):** Some people may say that a Christian will not be punished for his sins, because Jesus paid for all of his sins by His death on the cross. It is true that a Christian will not be punished in Hell for his sins, but he will be punished in this life for his sins. Just as an earthly father punishes his child that sins, so the heavenly Father will punish His child that sins. He loves him too much to let him get sucked down into sin like quicksand. If he sins accidentally by being careless, his heavenly Father will be more tolerant with him. The punishment is given to teach him not to repeat this sin. The punishment may be for a short time or it may last for a long time, depending on how quickly he learns from the punishment. If he sins willfully, he is in serious trouble with his heavenly Father. He will deal with him in a very strict manner as He did with David. However, discipline should not be confused with forgiveness. Forgiveness is immediate when the conditions are met, but the discipline may continue for a longer time to teach a person the awful results of sin.

The Father's forgiveness is based on two things that must be done by His child. First, he must confess his sin by naming it, and second, he must leave it with no thought of going back to it (Prov 28:13). When this is done, his heavenly Father will forgive him immediately and remove the sin from his record forever. He is restored in favor with his heavenly Father, because He loves his child. However, the discipline may continue to teach the child to stay away from that sin. Satan will accuse him and tell him that he is not forgiven when he is still being disciplined for his sin. He must not listen to Satan. He is the accuser of the believers and he is wrong. He needs to believe his Father loves him and has forgiven him when he confessed and turned from his sin. **Words and Phrases to Explain in the Verse:**

"**Corrects**" – to discipline or punish a child for his sin so that he will not do it again

"**Even as a father the son**" – "even as a father disciplines his son"

"**Delights**" - pleases

**SEE (for Apperception and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scriptures for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.** Our lesson today tells us how David sinned and got into some very serious trouble. He tried to cover up his sin so no one would know about it. He tried to escape the penalty of his sin, but covering his sin sucked into more sins. He needed the Lord to save him from his sins. The longer he waited, the closer he got to losing his kingdom and possibly losing his life. (Give the lesson as a story, making applications to the children as you tell it.)

### I. David Committed His Sin (11:1-5)

David let his eyes look on a beautiful woman and desired to treat her as his wife, but she was married to one of his soldiers. David began to think about this man's wife, Bathsheba, and how he might have her for himself. Then he sent a messenger to bring her to his palace. He decided to take Uriah's wife just for a night. This was deliberate sin. David knew this was a sin against the Lord, but he did it anyway.

**WE:** We must control our eyes so they do not dwell on things that will cause us to sin. If we think seriously about doing something wrong, we have already sinned and we will most likely do it.

David took Uriah's wife because he thought he could "get away with his sin." After all, he was the king. He forgot that the Lord was over him and was watching everything that he did.

**WE:** We must never think that we can get away with our sin. We may fool some people, but we cannot fool our heavenly Father. He sees every sin that we do and He will punish us for our sin.

**II. David Covered Up His Sin (11:6-27)**

David wanted to make sure that nobody would find out about his sin with Bathsheba. But there was one man who was sure to find out. It was Uriah, Bathsheba's husband. David tried to use Uriah in his plan to "cover up" his sin, but Uriah did not cooperate. Now the only way to conceal his sin was to kill Uriah. David ordered Joab to put Uriah in a place where he would be killed in battle. Since David planned to have Uriah killed in battle, David murdered Uriah.

**WE:** We must never try to hide our sin. It will cause us to commit other sins in trying to cover it up. We need to confess our sin to God and turn away from it. That is the only way to handle our sin.

**III. David Was Confronted With His Sin (12:1-12)**

God sent Nathan the prophet to tell David that He knew about his sin. Nathan started by telling David a story in which a rich man took a precious little lamb from a poor man to feed a guest. David said that the rich man deserved to die for his sin. David did not realize that Nathan's story was about him and his sin. David was the rich man that already had several wives, but he took the most precious wife of Uriah for himself. When David condemned the rich man to death, he condemned himself. David had gone so long without confessing his sin, that he no longer recognized his own sin. Nathan had to tell him that he was the rich man who had done wrong and deserved to die.

**WE:** We need to confess our sin as soon as we know that we have sinned. If we do not confess it, we might think that it will soon be forgotten, but our conscience will always remind us of it.

**IV. David Confessed His Sin (12:13; Psalm 51)**

David had tried to cover up his sin so that people would not find out, but the Lord knew about his sin, and then He told Nathan about David's sin. David learned that the only way to get rid of sin was to confess it to the Lord. David could have saved himself from other sins and a lot of trouble if he had confessed his sin right away. David discovered that covering his sin made him miserable.

**WE:** We need to confess our sin right away. We will be miserable until we confess our sin to our heavenly Father.

**V. David Carried the Penalty of His Sin (12:8-23)**

God forgave David, but David still had to be punished for his sin so that he would learn to hate his sin. God told David that the child that was born to Bathsheba would die. Also there would be trouble in David's family for many years because of David's sin. It was a hard punishment, but a just one.

**WE:** We need to remember that our heavenly Father punishes us so we will learn to hate sin. He will forgive us when we confess our sin and turn away from it, but we still will be punished in some way. That should teach us to hate all sin, not even to think about sinful things. When we think about sin, we will be tempted to commit that sin.

**BE (for Action):** The sight and sounds of sin look like fun, but the punishment of sin is not fun. The fun of sin is for a short time, but the punishment of sin may last a long time. How did David fall into sin? (He **saw** someone's wife that he wanted very much; he **thought** about getting her; he **sent** for her; and finally, he **took** her as his own wife.) Sin often begins by what we see, so we must be careful what we let our eyes see. If we see something sinful on the TV, turn your eyes away from it.) What did David do when he sinned? (He tried to cover it up). What did David do when Nathan exposed his sin? (David confessed it.) That is what you should do, too. Is there any sin in your life that you need to tell to God? I want you to bow you heads and confess to God any sin that you have covered up. After you have done that, I want you to tell God that you truly want to turn away from that sin. Now, if you have never received Jesus as your Savior, you need to do that right now or you will never be able to stop sinning. He is the one that will give you the power to stop sinning. Please see me after class and I will help you receive Jesus as your Savior.