

# Chapter 12

## The Trials of a King



**“In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.”**

**2 Samuel 11:1**



**“Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath...”**



**He sent someone to find out she was, and he was told, she is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite. Then David sent messengers to get her, and when she came to the palace, he slept with her...**



**She had just completed the purification rites after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home."**

**2 Samuel 11: 2-4**

**Life Application Bible**



**“Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home.” 2 Samuel 11:4**



**“Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; none who touches her will go unpunished.”**  
**Proverbs 6:27-29**



**Fire in a fireplace = awesome!**

**Fire in your kitchen = big problems!**

**“The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.” 2 Samuel 11:5**



**“Well, tell Joel not to be discouraged, David said. The sword devours this one today and that one tomorrow. Fight harder next time, and conquer the city.”  
2 Samuel 11:25**



**“When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. ”**

**2 Samuel 11:26-27**



**"But what David did displeased  
God." 2 Samuel 11:27**



**“ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” 2 Samuel 12:5-6**



**7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms...**



**I gave you all Israel and Judah.  
And if all this had been too little, I  
would have given you even more.  
9 Why did you despise the word of  
the LORD by doing what is evil in  
his eyes? You struck down Uriah  
the Hittite with the sword and  
took his wife to be your own...**



**You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’ <sup>11</sup> “This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you...**



**Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.' ”**

**2 Samuel 12:7-12**



**Then David said to Nathan, “I have  
sinned against the LORD.”  
2 Samuel 12:13**



THE STORY

## Psalm 51

**<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great  
compassion blot out my  
transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all  
my iniquity and cleanse me  
from my sin...**



## Psalm 51

**<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.**

**<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I  
sinned and done what is evil in  
your sight; so you are right in your  
verdict and justified when you  
judge...**



## Psalm 51

**<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother  
conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Yet you desired  
faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that  
secret place...**



## Psalm 51

**<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

**<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity...**



## Psalm 51

**1<sup>0</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 1<sup>1</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 1<sup>2</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**



**“Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. <sup>14</sup> But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die.”**

**2 Samuel 12:14**



## David's Prayer

**<sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting..."**



## David's Prayer

**<sup>11</sup> Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours...**



# David's Prayer

**Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.**

**<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all...**



## David's Prayer

**<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

**1 Chronicles 29:10-13**

