

II SAMUEL 11; April 26; David's Adultery with Bathsheba

ANALYSIS:

1. What wrong is David guilty of in verse 1, which leads to other grievous sins? _____
2. Who are Uriah the Hittite and Bathsheba? _____
3. How did Uriah die? _____
4. What is told about Bathsheba in this chapter? _____
5. Which of the ten commandments (Ex 20:1-17) did David break in verses 2-3, _____, in verse 4 _____, in verse 15 _____?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Instead of taking the second glance at the beautiful woman taking a bath, a Spirit-led David would have turned away (Mt 5:27-30). He would have fled from the scene (2 Tim 2:22; I Cor 6:18). He would have cherished his multiple wives and concubines (Pro 5:18-19; II Sam 3:2-5; 5:13). Why didn't he? He was guilty of what appears to be a small failure/sin: "But David tarried still at Jerusalem." If he had been at the battle front, "at the time when kings go forth to war," he would never have seen the woman bathing. Small sins multiply and grow into monsters, unless they are confessed and forsaken!

It has been said: "Keep short accounts with God." Applied here, this means that David needed to immediately confess the sin of lust he felt when he looked on this strange woman, repent of the evil, ask the LORD for cleansing and deliverance, and trust the LORD for grace to resist evil and strength to do right.

HELP:

1. David tarried still at Jerusalem at a time when kings go forth to war (v 1).
2. Uriah was a soldier in David's army under Joab, and Bathsheba was Uriah's wife.
3. David commanded Joab to assign Uriah to a place where valiant men were so he would be killed in the battle (v 15-17).
4. She was very beautiful; she exposed herself while taking a bath so that David saw her; she obeyed David's summons to spend the night at his house; she returned to her house; she sends word to David that she is with child; she mourns her husband's death; she becomes David's wife; she bears David a son.
5. In verses 2-3 = Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife (#10), In verse 4 = Thou shalt not commit adultery (# 7), In verse 15 = Thou shalt not kill (# 6).