



The Deception of Sin: David and Bathsheeba

Sermon Focus: 2 Samuel 11-12

Notes: Week Eight

Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? (Proverbs 6:27)

I used to think if you fell from grace it was likely the result of one stupendous error... I hadn't learned that it can happen so gradually you don't necessarily sense the motion. I've found it takes at least two or three things to alter the course of a life: You slip around the truth once, and then again, and one more time, and there you are, feeling that it was sudden, your arrival at the bottom of the heap."

Jane Hamilton

God does not allow His children to sin successfully.

Charles Spurgeon

Introduction: In Ch. 9 - 10 we read of a King who used his authority and favour from God to show kindness (9:1; 10:2). Suddenly in Ch. 11 we find a King who abuses this authority to manipulate and murder for his own selfish desires. What happened that made King David so vulnerable to the deception of sin? What can we learn about our vulnerability and a faith that pleases God?

Sermon Outline:

- The Dangerous Snare (2 Sam. 5:13; Deut. 17:16 - 17)
- The Downhill Slide (2 Sam. 11:1 - 5; cf. 5:13)
- The Deceitful Scheme (2 Sam. 11:6 - 27)
- The Decisive Story (2 Sam. 12:1 - 12)

Conclusion:

Upon David's confession the Lord forgave his sin (12:13) but there were both immediate (12:14) and long term consequences to it (Ch. 13ff). This was not judgment from an angry God, but discipline from a loving Father. God knows how quickly we forget and how long it takes us to learn life lessons. His discipline always serves His holy purposes for us (Prov. 3:11 - 14; Heb. 12:4 - 13).

Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

1. What is your strategy in the face of temptation; fight or flight? (Gen. 39:12; Mt. 26:41; 1 Cor.6:18)
2. How are you at practicing good vulnerability, and how often are you a victim to bad vulnerability?
3. We must put the label of 'SIN' where God puts it, and we must also put the label of 'FORGIVEN' where He does. How good are you at labeling things the way God does? Discuss with someone.



Personal Study Notes

Scripture Focus: 2 Samuel 15-16

The Lord Judges David (starting at 11:1)

Absalom Leads a Treasonous Revolt against David (15:1-12)

David Flees Jerusalem and Sends the Ark Back (15:13-27)

David's Kindness to Ziba (16:1-4)

Absalom's Advisers (16:15-23)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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