

**THE LORD'S RESPONSE TO DAVID'S SIN
2 SAMUEL 12:1-15; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**

Absalom went in to his father's wives and concubines in front of all the people!

Eventually Absalom died bringing much sorrow to David!

He also lost his son Adonijah in a violent death!

And many other issues plagued David's life from this point on!

We may think that we can sin and get by with it but we'd be sadly mistaken. **There are always consequences for our sin!**

And some of those consequences may be permanent and some of them may be very painful!

If David could talk with us for a moment I am sure that he would tell us that THE PLEASURE OF HIS SIN WAS NO WHERE NEAR WORTH THE PERMANENT AND THE PAINFUL CONSEQUENCES THAT HE FACED!

V. THE CLEANSING OF DAVID'S SIN! (Vs 13)

As soon as David confessed, He was told that his sins have been forgiven! Nathan says that he will not be put to death as the Law demanded!

Leviticus 20:10—"And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death."

Instead of justice, David received mercy!

Praise God when we come to a point of repentance we have been promised MERCY as well!

1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

No matter where we have been or what we have done, OUR SINS CAN BE CLEANSED TODAY!

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Nathan told David that God has "put away" his sin! God took David's sins and took them away from him! And our Heavenly Father can and will do the same for any of us today!

The confrontation of David's sin illustrates the grace, mercy and love of our Heavenly Father. We all have the opportunity to experience His grace, mercy and love today!

Before we close there is one more thing that I would like to point out.

VI. THE CALAMITY OF DAVID'S SIN! (Vs 14)

One of the worst consequences of David's sin was that **he dishonored the name of the LORD. This had a great impact on the people of God! But it also had an impact on the unbelievers as well!**

If God were to allow David to get by with his sin and not address it, the heathen would say that the Lord was unfair in His judgment of sin! They may look at the situation and say many other things about the Lord that were untrue! This is the blasphemy that Nathan spoke of!

When we sin, we are not just damaging our reputation and witness, we are dishonoring the name of our God—Our Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit!

When children misbehave in public their parents are judged whether that judging is justified or not. It's because they are the parents' responsibility...right?

Is our life and actions a positive or a negative reflection of our Heavenly Father? Is our life one that is based on gratifying self or glorifying our Father?

Friend, there are consequences for our disobedience. But we have a Father Who desires to restore us... RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW! If we will only confess our sin and repent of our waywardness and find our way back to His loving arms!