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COVETOUSNESS: IDOLATRY OF THE HEART
2 SAMUEL 13:1-39

“...Be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). The guilt of our sin is a reminder that “it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

Maybe the reality hit him of what might happen to him when Tamar’s brother found out! Before he was only thinking of the act! But after the act came the reality of what he had done!

B. The Guilt Of Sin Bore On His Demeanor!

I believe that what we see of Amnon here clearly comes from the guilt of his sin bearing down on him! This sin literally followed Amnon all the way to the grave! We have no record at all that Amnon ever saw the evil of his way or tried to get right with Tamar or Absalom or his father!

Now David seems to have softened the consequences of sin for Amnon. He should have judged Amnon according to the law, but instead he just chose not to deal with it. David was angry, but apparently he did nothing. Could that be because of his own sin?

The Law demanded that David deal with his son’s sin. David was the chief magistrate and judge in all of Israel. He had a responsibility to bring justice to the situation.

Leviticus 20:17 gives the punishment for the crime that Amnon transgressed. Amnon should have been banished from Israel for what he did.

David overlooked his son’s sin. He did not punish him. If the king won't enforce the law, where can you go? Absalom would later use that against his father to promote an insurrection.

2 Samuel 15:4 “Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!”

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Conclusion

Beware of sin’s diluting power. It seems David became a member of the “Sweep It Under The Rug Society”.

He should have brought out what occurred and judged it before Israel. David should have judged his son, but he did not.

He might could have avoided Amnon’s murder had he done so. He might have saved his two sons, Amnon and Absalom in the process.

Then again, this all is a part of the consequences of David’s sins. Maybe that is why he lightened up and didn’t take care of the situation!

Does this being a part of the consequences of David’s sins alleviate Amnon from the guilt of his sin? No. In no way! WE are responsible for our own actions!