

Repentance and Restoration

2 Samuel 11-12

Key Verse: 12:13

- DAVID'S SIN (11:1–27)

1. While his men went to war, where did David remain, and why? (10:13–19; 11:1) How did he come to commit the sin of adultery? (2–4; cf. Ge4:7; Ro6:12–13; 1Jn2:16) With what result? (5; Nu32:23) What can we learn here about how not to fall into sin? (Ge39:9–10; Mt6:13; 2Ti2:22)
2. How did David attempt to cover up his sin? (11:6–27a) How did Uriah's behavior contrast with David's? (9,13) What happened to some of David's men? (17,24) How had David's heart been poisoned by the power of sin? (Jas1:15) How did God view what he had done? (27b) What does the phrase "displeased the LORD" imply? (5:2)

- DAVID'S REPENTANCE (12:1–13a)

3. How did the Lord intervene? (1a) What was Nathan's story and what did it arouse in David? (1b–6) How did Nathan confront him, and of what did he remind him? (7–8) In what ways had David despised the word of the Lord, as well as the Lord himself? (9–10; cf. Ex20:13–17) What judgment did God pronounce on him? (10–12)
4. What remarkable confession did David make? (13a; cf. Jer36:22–26) According to Psalm 51, how did David express this repentance more fully?

- GOD'S RESTORATION (12:13b–31)

5. What assurance did Nathan give him? (13b) Nevertheless, what were the dire consequences of David's sin? (14–15) What can we learn here about how costly sin is?
6. How did David's actions in verses 16–25 show that his heart had been restored after repentance and God's forgiveness? How did David resume his mission as king of Israel? (26–31)
7. What warnings does the story of David's sin have for spiritual leaders? What can we learn about how fallen spiritual leaders can be restored? What can we learn in these chapters from God in his dealings with David?