

Sunday School Lesson

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NATHAN CONDEMNS DAVID

2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13-15

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Questions for Us Today

What hope would there be for us if people in the Bible were perfect?

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What does the word “accountability” mean to you?

What is your opinion of what David did, in terms of Bathsheba and Uriah?

What is your opinion of how Nathan spoke here to David?

Sunday School Lesson Objectives

1. Gain a better understanding of David – his ups and his downs.
2. Review how God sometimes uses a messenger to advise us.
3. Remember how the Lord is merciful – regardless.

Sunday School Lesson Segments

1. Points of Information: David
2. Other Characters in Today's Lesson
3. Lesson Context
4. Lesson Text

Points of Information – David

David was the second king and the greatest King of Israel. David is mentioned around a thousand times in the Bible.

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Like Jesus, David was a shepherd who was born in Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 17:12, 15.

Points of Information – David

Under the influence of and guidance by the Holy Spirit, David was the primary author of many Psalms. At least 73 (of 150) Psalms are attributed to the hand of David.

David loved to play music, to dance and to write poetry.

Points of Information – David

David became a tremendously brave soldier. His battle with and triumph over the giant Philistine, Goliath, is legendary. The diminutive combatant (comparatively speaking) carried five smooth stones in a sling for the fight with this gargantuan enemy and defeated the giant.

1 Samuel 17:4-51.

Points of Information – David

David was the eighth son of Jesse. Jesse, the son of Obed, was the grandson of Ruth (husband: Boaz) and the great-grandson of Rahab (the harlot who saved Joshua's soldiers; husband: Salmon). All of these people were earthly ancestors of Our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. And, they are included in the genealogies detailed by both Matthew (1:5-6) and Luke (3:31-32).

Points of Information – David

God sent Samuel to the home of Jesse to find and anoint a successor to Israel's wayward King Saul.

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1 Samuel 16:4-13.

Samuel had told King Saul that God now wanted “a man after His own heart” to be the king.

1 Samuel 13:14.

Points of Information – David

In the first Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, the Disciple specifically traces the royal line of Jesus back to King David.

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Matthew 1:1-17.

In this first Chapter of Matthew, the Disciple refers to the Messiah as “the son of David.” Matthew 1:1. In Verse 20, Jesus’ earthly father, Joseph, is addressed identically. Thereafter a number of individuals address Jesus in this way.

Points of Information – David

David wanted to build what he considered a proper house (temple) for the Lord and the Ark of the Covenant. But, he was told not to by the Prophet Nathan, according to instructions Nathan had received from God. This construction task was left for one of David's sons – Solomon – to carry out. David provided Solomon with the God-given details and instructions for the project.

2 Samuel 7:1-13; 1 Chronicles 17:1-12; 1
Chronicles 28:10-20.

Points of Information – David

God promised David that his kingdom would rule and last forever. See 2 Samuel 7:12-16 for the Davidic Covenant and Verses 18-29 for David's very thankful and humble prayer in response. God's promise to King David is fulfilled through David's greatest Descendant: Christ Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Hallelujah!

Other Characters in Today's Lesson

1. Nathan
2. Bathsheba
3. Uriah

Nathan Condemns David

Context

King David committed a horrible sin when he stealthily and voyeuristically viewed the wife (Bathsheba) of another man (Uriah) as she bathed in the distance. David desired her, had her abducted, raped and impregnated her and then sent Uriah into battle, putting him on the front line where he would surely be slain.

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The Prophet Nathan spoke for God and called King David into account for this devious and heinous crime.

David sincerely repented, begged the Lord for forgiveness and received it.

2 Samuel 11:2—12:13; Psalm 32; 51.

Nathan Condemns David

Lesson Text:

2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13-15

2 Samuel 12:1 (NRSV)

... and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 Samuel 12:2-3

The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel 12:4

Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him."

2 Samuel 12:5-6

Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

2 Samuel 12:7

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul.

2 Samuel 12:8

I gave you your master's house,
and your master's wives into your
bosom, and gave you the house of
Israel and of Judah; and if that had
been too little, I would have added
as much more.

2 Samuel 12:9

Why have you despised the Word of the Lord, to do what is evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

2 Samuel 12:13

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die."

2 Samuel 12:14-15

Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die.” Then Nathan went to his house.

Remember this:

The Lord forgives when we sincerely repent. But, He does not forget. And, sin can bring punishment.

Song for Us Today:

“Yield Not To Temptation”

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