

Displeasing The Lord

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

2 Samuel 11:26-28. "And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

This chapter tells the shameful account of David and his desire for another man's wife. He was king, by the grace of God, and allowed the power to corrupt his judgment. David thought that his sin was hid from the public, his servants wouldn't speak about it, and he would get away with it. When a person, man or woman, is involved in something sinful, they are more concerned with keeping it from man, than they are God.

People today, like those of ancient times, think that they are doing something big when they engage in some sinful act. Whether it be stealing, drunkenness, adultery, or some other sin, it may be hidden from man, but never hidden from God. **Numbers 32: 23** "...and be sure your sin will find you out." No matter how hard a person may try to hide his sin, it will still come

to light, in the judgment, if not before. **1 Timothy 5:24.** "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." Even if man does not discover the sin, it is known to God and will be dealt with.

Look how hard David tried to hide his affair with Bathsheba. When he was told that she was with child, he knew that there was going to be trouble. Her husband, Uriah, was in the field of battle serving the very king that was sinning against him. Uriah was a man of honor, a Hittite who had come to trust in God and served in the army of Israel. David figured to bring him home for awhile, then Uriah and everyone would think that the child was his. Uriah would not go to his wife and his home when the ark, and the army, was camped in the fields. Since the army was away from their wives, Uriah didn't think he should be allowed to be with his.

Plan A didn't work so David came up with another - Uriah would have to be killed. Sin has a way of taking a person farther than they meant to go. It did with David and it still takes people deeper into ruin than they think to this very day. So David has Uriah killed by the enemy on the field of battle. How? He is put in the thick of the fighting and abandoned to die by the enemy. Soldiers die

in battle so there was no way that blame could be put on David. Sometimes a man is killed by his own people during a fight with the enemy. They may get away with it here, but, like David, will not get away at the judgment of God.

Me, you, or anybody, will face the judgment of God for any unrepentant sin in our lives. I'm sure all of us have done things in the heat of the moment that we regretted later - I know that I have. We need to go to God and seek his forgiveness, not keep trying to cover it up. **Proverbs 28:13.** "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Sin is a deceiver, don't be fooled by it. The pleasure of the moment is not worth the burden of regret and worry on the conscience. David even condemned himself when his deeds were told in a parable by the prophet Nathan. **2 Samuel 12:5-6.** "And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan's reply in **verse 7** is, "Thou art the man." You see, our sin will find us out - repent now, if there is sin in your life or face God later in your sin.

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...HOWEVER, ON THE NIGHT OF HIS BIRTHDAY FEAST, HERODIAS' DAUGHTER DID SUCH A SPECTACULAR DANCE IN HIS HONOR THAT KING HEROD VOWED WITH AN OATH TO GIVE HER WHATEVER SHE ASKED AS A REWARD. AT THE INSTIGATION OF HERODIAS, THE DAUGHTER ASKED FOR JOHN THE BAPTIST'S HEAD! HEROD COULD NOT GO BACK ON HIS KINGLY VOW, SO....

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