

# Sinning in A Weak Moment

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**2 Samuel 11:2-4**, "And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house."

If someone had told king David that he would sin against God by committing adultery and murder, he would have thought the person mad. He, like most any other person, would never think that he would do such a terrible thing. Indeed he never planned, or intended, to do any wicked thing to anyone, for his desire was to serve God. Yet, in a moment of weakness, David did what many of us have done, he let his flesh take over. While his passions ruled he was no longer the faithful servant of the Lord, but a man who lost control of his reason and let the flesh take over.

When he saw Bathsheba bathing he had not planned to see her. How the situation came to be we are not told, but events come unexpected to test the follower of God. Although David had several wives he was tempted by seeing a beautiful woman bathing. He should have turned away, but like many people he did not. He found out who she was and that she was married to one of his soldiers. Knowing that she was married, and that he was married, that should have ended his curiosity, but it did not.

While looking at her beauty he was not thinking of right and wrong, but only of this beautiful woman. His passion took over and he thought only of being with her. There were no thoughts of the consequences of his actions. When anyone is filled with anger, or passion, or even greed, they don't think clearly if at all. All they can see is what they want and King David was no exception, he wanted Bathsheba and nothing else mattered at the moment.

He managed to get what he wanted and thought the matter was over, after all he was king and he could do as he wanted. We are not told what Bathsheba thought of his actions, but it would appear that she didn't protest. Under the law if a man tried to force a woman in a city she was to call for help and would be guiltless. Bathsheba was not mentioned

as screaming for help and refusing the king. One might wonder if she planned this, knowing that she would be in view from the palace walls. However it happened that she was there at that time David saw her and in a weak moment he sinned.

We can say that he shouldn't have done the deeds that he did, and he shouldn't have. However we can't act like he messed up and was guilty of a terrible deed while we are clean and have no sins in our lives to look back on. Isn't it like the time that Jesus said, "He that is without sin cast the first stone?" I don't like to think back to the times in my life when I acted in a sinful manner, do you? Like David, we didn't think ahead and consider the results of the actions, or words, that we used.

Sin will catch a person in a weak moment when he is weak, tired, discouraged, angry, lonely, or some such situation and he may, without thinking, give in to the temptation. At such a time a person can't see, and won't think, of where it will lead too. Had David realized that he would commit adultery, and resort to murder, he would not have acted the way he did. The same can be said for many good people wanting to live for the Lord, but in a weak moment give in to a sinful act. Knowing all of this let us be careful and be on our guard for as the scripture says, "Sin lieth at the door."

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