

The Lust of Sin-David's Worst Moment

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The Tragic Story of David &
Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11



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Beware of Life at the Top

Psalm 32 A Psalm of David. Contemplation

(*Maschil*: “Understanding” or “teaching,” particularly public instruction. Psalms 32; 42; 44; 45; 52; 53; 54; 55; 74; 78; 88; 89; 142).

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The Old Testament has 15 words for sin it is so bad; this Psalm opens with 4 of them.

Also, it is very interesting that Psalm 32 opens with same three words for sin that Psalm 51 opens with.

There are seven *Penitential Psalms or Psalms of Confession*: Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.

Psalm 38

A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance.

Vs. 1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,
nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

Vs.2 For Your arrows pierce me deeply and Your
hand presses me down.

2 Samuel 11:26-27

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. ²⁷ And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

2 Samuel 11:26-27

Later, when we come to **2 Samuel 11:27-12:14**:

David—was painfully chastised and then restored (**2 Samuel 12**).

As a result of the pain of chastisement leading to repentance and restoration, David sang of his faithful God in Psalm 51—The Pathway Back to God.

Psalm 51

To the Chief Musician.

A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Remember that there are seven penitential
Psalms

Out of the 150 different psalms, the 4th or middle is the greatest. Psalm 51 opens with same 3 words for sin as Psalm 32 does.

Psalm 51 has three parallel sets of threes:

Psalm 18

The rest of David's life from II Samuel 22 onward is another incredibly rich portion of Scripture.

2 Samuel 22 is a repeat of Psalm 18

David extolled his Master and King in Psalm 18—how to overcome feelings of loneliness in the last days before death.

Psalm 18

To the Chief Musician.

A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:

I will love You, O LORD

The Lonely Years of David

I Kings 1:

David suffered intense loneliness in his waning years—He had to come to terms with old age and impending death.

During this stage, David wrote Psalm 71—how to overcome feelings of loneliness when you're about to leave behind health, comforts, friends, family, and security.

Psalm 70 & 71

Psalm 70—To the Chief Musician.

A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance.

Psalm 70 is the intro to Psalm 71 in the Hebrew Bible and Psalm 70 is the last five verses of Psalm 40. So we conclude that Psalm 71 is David's prayer and testimony of how to be a godly man to the end of life.

This Psalm could be entitled: Ending Well—
Living Purposefully for God (Psalm 71)

I Kings 2

1 Kings 2: David writes about gracefully heading toward Home (Psalms 23 and 116) As a mere mortal man,

David truly was so much like us.

But he learned to rise above the downward pull of his flesh and cling to the only One who could satisfy and complete him—Christ.

David's Last Years

Psalm 23 may be from David's youth but as most other saints through the ages, he surely must have clung to these truths as his life waned and he prepared to go to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

David's Last Years

Psalm 116 quotes Psalm 56 (in Psalm 116:8 we see Psalm 56:13) so David most likely wrote this at the end.

What a beautiful pathway for getting ready to go is captured in this Psalm

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

I Kings 15:4-5

Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem; 5 because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

John 14:21

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is
the one who loves me.

David's Spiral Downward

May Have Started in 2 Samuel 5:13

And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron

David was supposed to make a copy of the Principles Governing Kings in Deuteronomy 17:14-20

¹⁷ Neither shall he multiply wives for himself

The Five Dreadful Steps Downward

1. David *desensitized* his conscience by incomplete obedience
2 Samuel 5:13
2. David *relaxed* his grip on personal purity
2 Samuel 11:1
3. David *fixed* his heart on physical desires
2 Samuel 11:2

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4. David rationalized his mind
about wrong decisions
2 Samuel 11:3

5. David plunged his life into lustful sin
2 Samuel 11:4

I Corinthians 10:11-13

¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man;

I Corinthians 10:13

but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

2 Samuel is an admonition from God