

(2 Samuel 12:1-25)

David repents, and God forgives and restores his relationship. He keeps His promise to David, but there are still consequences of his sin – both for himself and for others.

Introduction



God is displeased with what David had done.

God sends Nathan to confront David.

1. Nathan's Story

Nathan tells a story.



- 2 men: a rich man, a poor man
- Rich man has many sheep and cattle



- Poor man has only one lamb which he treats like a daughter
- Rich man takes the poor man's lamb to feed his guests

2. David's Reaction



David is furious

Declares the rich man deserves to die and the poor man should be given 4 lambs for the one he stole

3. Nathan's Challenge and Consequence

Nathan tells David

- You are that man!
- God anointed you as king and gave you everything you have
- If that hadn't been enough, you could have asked for more and God would have given it
- Why did you take a man's wife and have him killed?
- You have treated God with contempt, from now on violence will be in your household
- What you did in secret will happen to you in the open

4. David's Confession and Restoration

David said, "I have sinned against God!"

Nathan's reply

- Yes, but God has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin
- However, the child will die

5. The Consequence



- The baby becomes very ill
- David pleads with God to heal the child
- 7 days later the child dies

- David finds out, he gets up, washes, gets dressed and goes to worship God
- David explains that he will see the baby again one day

6. Conclusion

David comforts Bathsheba

Bathsheba has another son; David names him Solomon

God loves Solomon very much

One day Solomon becomes King over God's people

Weekly Meditation and Reflection

Below are some questions and further reading if you would like some extra food for thought on this story. Some may find it helpful to journal the answers, and others may simply want to read and pray through them.

- David was blind to his sin and how much he had grieved God until Nathan came and pointed it out to him. Are there any areas of sin in your life that you are blind to? Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart and show you if there are. Then pray through Psalm 51.
- Take time to meditate on Psalm 51. David wrote this after Nathan had confronted him. Consider all that God has forgiven David for. Consider your life and walk with God ... Are there any areas where you need God to create a clean heart in you? Do you need restoration in any areas? Praise God that He is faithful and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.