

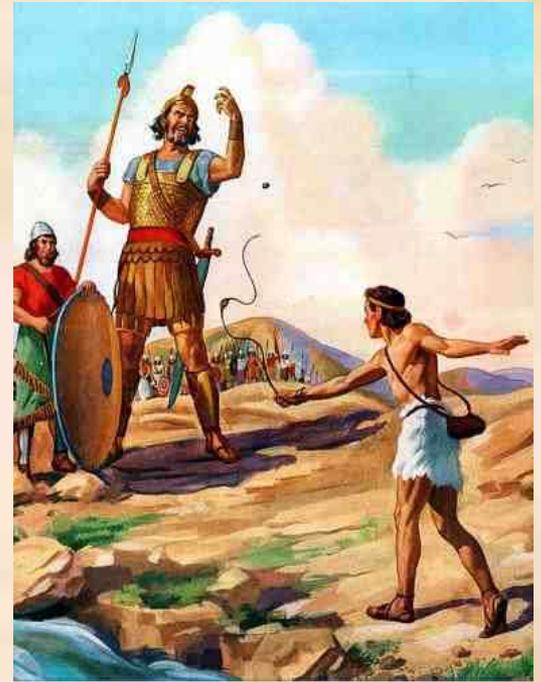


# The Sins of David

2 Samuel 11-12

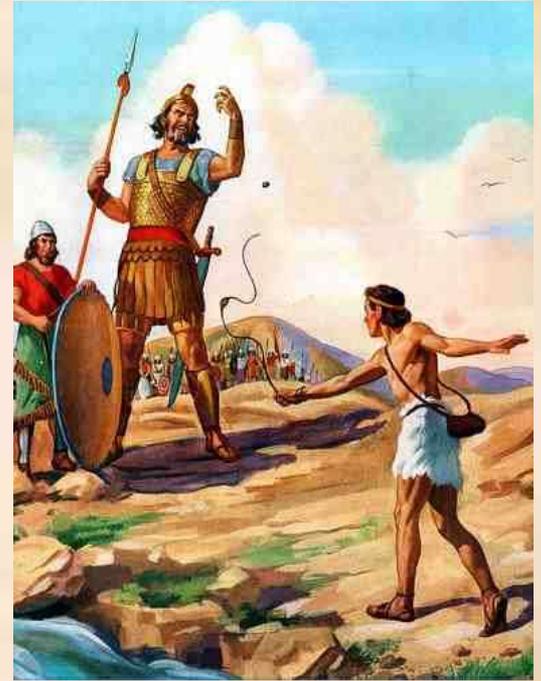
# David the people's hero..

- **David - one of the most popular people in the Bible.**
  - We first meet him as a lowly shepherd boy — 1 Sam. 16
  - He defeats Goliath in the “name of the Lord” — 1 Sam. 17:45-51
  - He serves king Saul with honor — 1 Sam. 18-20
  - David is forced to flee from the king but retains his integrity, honor, & faith — 1 Sam 21-31
  - He even mourns king Saul’s death — 2 Sam. 1
- David is anointed king and victoriously leads Israel in the ways of the Lord — 2 Sam. 2, 5-10



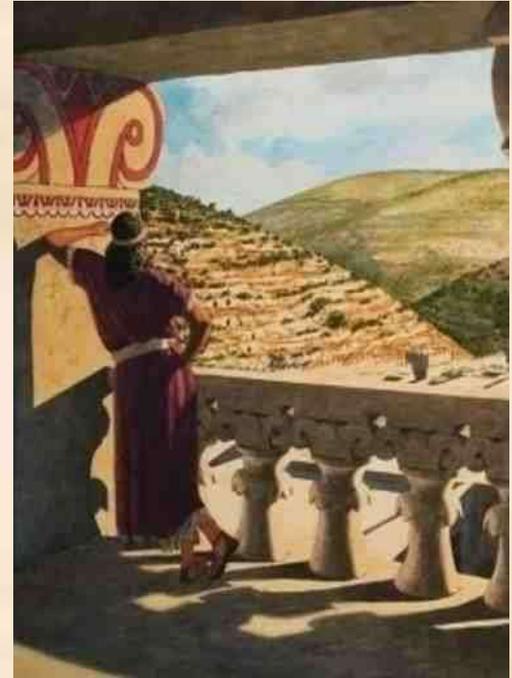
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- God makes a covenant with David, — 2 Sam. 7:1-17
- David praises & and in humility expresses thanks to God — 2 Sam. 7:18-28
- However, even a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) can sin and mess up his life.
- David acted irresponsibly (2 Samuel 11:1), foolishly (11:2–5) and wickedly (11:6–27).
- David broke half of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
- Sin has consequences - and NOT JUST for the sinner



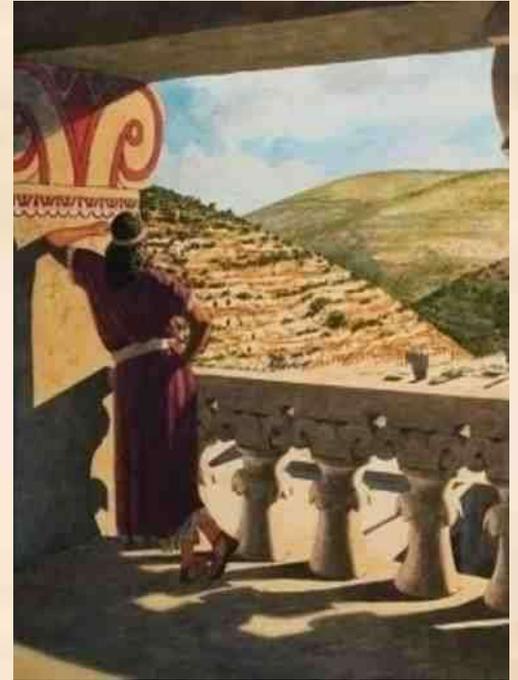
## David let down his guard – 11:1-2

- It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup> Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.



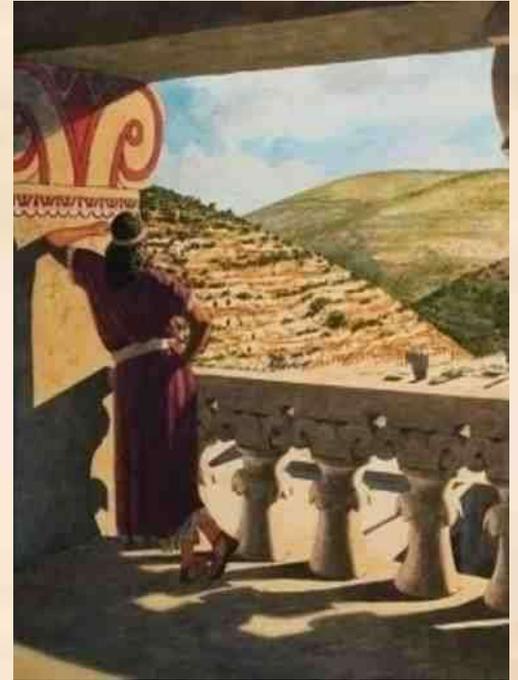
# David let down his guard – 11:1-2

- Stayed behind in Jer. – vs. 1
- Saw & Beheld – vs. 2
- Inquired & Committed Adultery – vs. 3,4
- Bathsheba Conceives – vs. 5
- Prideful Shame & Deceitful Cover Up – vs. 5-27
- Deceitful scheme to get Uriah to go in to Bathsheba – vs. 6-13
- Murders Uriah – vs. 14-25
- Takes his prize - vs. 26-27



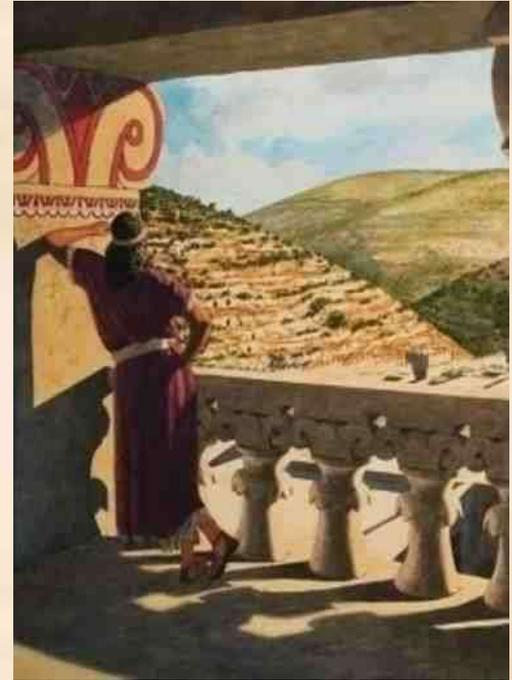
## Coveted neighbor's wife – 11:3

- 2 And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.  
3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, “Is this not [Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”



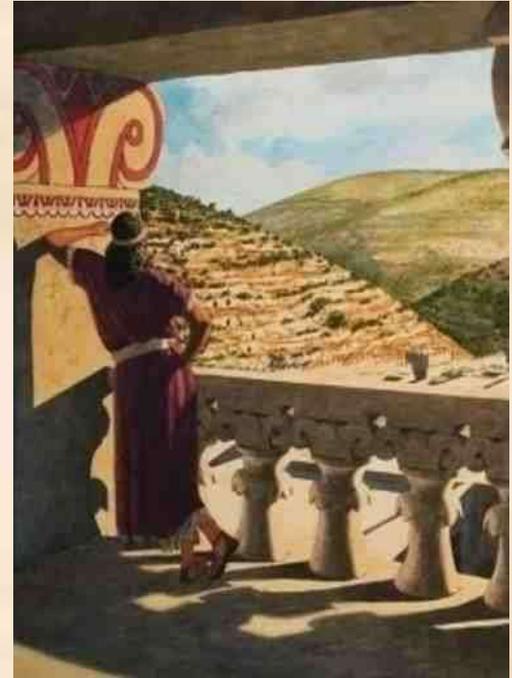
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- “You shall not covet your neighbor’s ... wife” — Ex. 20:17
- David knew this was wrong — did it in secret & tried to cover it up — Rom. 12:12,13; Eph 5:11
- David was guilty of sinning against God before he touched Bathsheba — Mat. 5:27,28
- What David did in secret was known by God — Psalm 51:4
- What made David better than king Ahab? — 1 Kings 21
- **All coveting is sin (a form of idolatry) — Lk. 12:15, Col. 3:5**
- We **MUST** learn to be content AND thankful for the blessings we have! — Heb. 13:5-6;



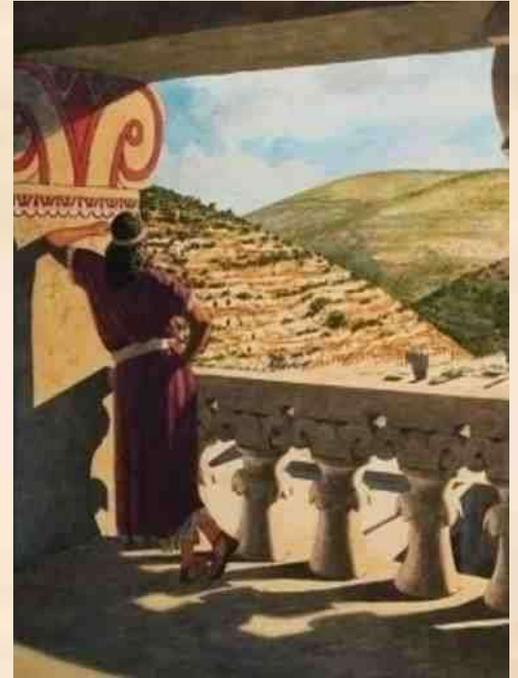
# Committed adultery – 11:4

- <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.
  - **“You shall not commit adultery” (Exo. 20:14).**
  - David KNEW who Bathsheba was - He knew she was married, yet he pursued her anyway – (2 Sam. 11:3,6)
  - David knew he had no right to lay with Bathsheba, thus he did this in secret, (2 Sam. 12:12).
  - David’s unlawful sexual encounter produced a lifetime of pain – (2 Sam 12:10-12)



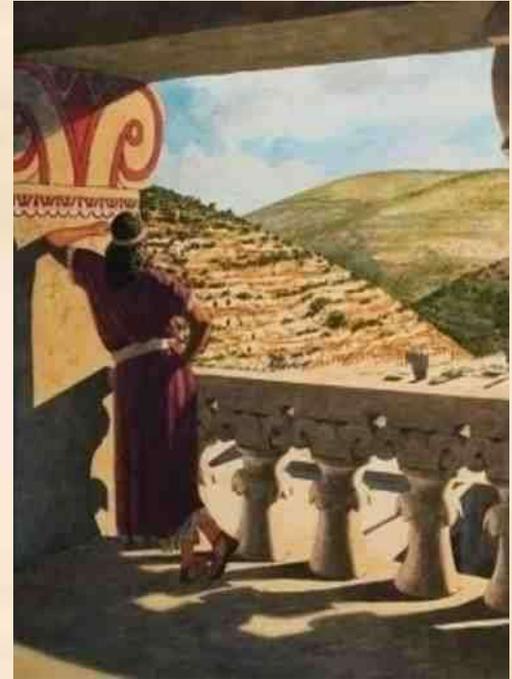
## Stole another man's wife – 12:9

- **“You shall not steal” – Exo. 20:15**
- David took Bathsheba, knowing she did not belong to him but to another man – (2 Sam. 11:3,6)
- How did David feel about the thief Nathan tells him about in the next chapter? (12:1-6)
- Selfishness blinds the eyes of the selfish to the pain they cause others - David had his eyes opened – 12:7-13



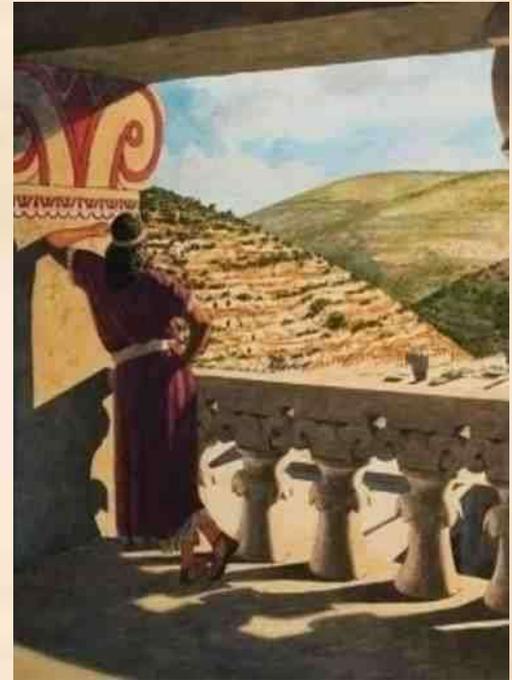
## He lied – 11:7-8

- **“You shall not bear false witness ...” – Exo. 20:16**
- David misrepresented the reason for which he had summoned Uriah – 11:6-11
- He went to great pains to cover up his sin – 11:12,13
- He lied to Uriah when he sent him back to Joab – took advantage of Uriah’s honor – 11:14,15



# He murdered Uriah – 11:17

- **“You shall not murder” — Exo. 20:13**
- To cover up his adultery, David had Uriah put to death: 11:14-17
- Nearly everyone agrees that murder is a horrendous crime: Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8
- How could David do such a terrible thing?
- **Murder always has been and still is a horrible crime** — Those guilty were to be put to death — Gen. 9:6
- The Law demanded those guilty of murder, (and other crimes), were to be put to death if there were two or more witnesses — Ex. 21:12–14; Lev. 24:17; Num. 35:33



# Nathan's rebuke – 2 Samuel 12

- Nathan was sent -- 1
- Nathan's Parable -- 1-4
- David Saw The Guilt In Another That He Would Not See In Himself -- 5,6
- Nathan Makes The Point Clear – “YOU ARE THE MAN” – 7-12
- David Repents, Confesses & Is Pardoned -- 13
- David's Sin Had Earthly Consequences -- 14



# What David did when confronted

- David admitted/acknowledged his sin (2 Samuel 12:13). He took personal responsibility for his sin — He saw himself as God saw him - guilty! Wicked! Unholy! Condemned — (Psalm 51:1-4).
- David turned to God for he was at God's mercy — (Psalm 51:4).
- David asked God for forgiveness (Psalm 51:1). He didn't use elaborate or soft vocabulary. He said, "I have sinned."
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# Lessons we need to learn

- Our **NEED** to **ALWAYS** be on **GUARD** — 2 Peter 1:5-9
- Sin will take us further than we ever **DREAMED** possible — Jn 8:34; Rom. 7:13-24; James 1:13-15
- Sin is **DESTRUCTIVE** — it hurts me — it hurts others — causes death — Rom. 6:23; 14:15
- Our need to take responsibility for our sins — to be honest and humble — (2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51:1-12; Acts 2:36,37)





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