

## **“The Heart of a Man after God’s Own Heart”**

### **II Samuel 11**

**Introduction: Question:** Is it possible to love the Lord and yet live a life contrary to His will.? A life of disobedience, a life filled with satisfying the lust of the flesh? Didn’t Jesus say, in John 14 and 1 John 5 that the proof of our love for Him would be that we would keep His commandments? **Answer: YES!** David is a prime example of that. David loved God, but he was a law breaker, he coveted, (10<sup>th</sup>) was an adulterer, (7<sup>th</sup>) and a murderer, (6<sup>th</sup>). When you think about it, David actually broke all ten commandments ***2 Sam. 11:1 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.***

#### **1. THE DANGER OF BEING \_\_\_\_\_**

➤ When a person is in the wrong place, he or she is more vulnerable to \_\_\_\_\_

***James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.***

***Josh. 7:21 When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them, and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent...***

***<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. <sup>3</sup> 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?” (2 Sam. 11:2-3)***

***<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. <sup>5</sup> And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, “I am with child.” (2 Sam 11:4)***

## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SIN

David paid a high price, but not the ultimate price. He lost the child born by the adulterous relationship and had to contend with rape and rebellion within his family. Amnon, one of his children raped Tamar the daughter of Absalom, his favorite son. (2 Sam. 13.1-14) Absalom killed Amnon in revenge. (Verse 29) Absalom later rebelled against David, sending him into exile. (2 Sam. 15) At the end of the day Absalom, was killed by Joab and ten of his men who disobeyed David's orders not to harm his son. (2 Sam. 18.14)

- **Our sin is never really \_\_\_\_\_ . It affects every part of our life and the lives of those we love.**

**3. THE DEPTHS OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ .** There is no pit so deep that God won't lift us out if we will simply do what David did. Once David faced up to the enormity of his sinful behavior, he did what every person must do.

- With a broken heart, HE \_\_\_\_\_ HIS SIN.
- HE \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIS SIN. That is, he turned away from his sin and turned to God.
- HE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD TO FORGIVE HIM, and God did.

**CONCLUSION:** What about you? Are you far from God and living a sinful life? Be sure your sins will find you out. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. Jesus came not to condemn you, but to save you. Without Christ you are already condemned because of your sin and unbelief. But, we are told in Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Are you a believer who is caught up in some secret sin. God knows about it and wants to forgive you and restore you. But it's not automatic, you must come like David and humbly confess your sin, repent of your sin, and ask for forgiveness. And God will forgive you. **Psalm 51: 1-17 is a good prayer to pray.**