

Keep The Door Closed On Demonic Dysfunction Part Two

We have to be careful not to become a reason for others to sin. They are responsible for their behavior. We are responsible for the fires we start. We are responsible for how we dress, what we show, and what type of vibe we put out. The woman is not totally at fault, but she is not completely innocent. We must learn to never let our eyes (or our mind) rest on alluring images except for what "belongs" to us in marriage.

David's many wives did not satisfy his lust. This was because you can't satisfy lusts of the flesh, because they are primarily rebellious assertions of self. It wasn't so much that David wanted Bathsheba; it was that he could not be satisfied with what God gave him. The principle would be illustrated in an exaggerated way in the life of Solomon. David's son. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines. David and Solomon show us that if one woman isn't enough, 1000 women aren't enough.

The woman was very beautiful to behold; Bathsheba's great beauty made the sight tempting. But the real strength of temptation often does not lie in the quality of the tempting object, but in the state of heart and mind of the one being tempted. David had long been "prepared" to stumble at this very point. Even so, this temptation was not too strong for David, no matter how beautiful Bathsheba was.

David looked at Bathsheba and said "beauty", but God saw this as ugly. The pleasures of sin deceive us like the bait hides the hook. We must call it what God calls it - sin. We want to say, "affair", but God says "adultery". We want to say, "love", but God says "lust". We want to say "sexy", but God says "sin". We want to say, "romantic", but God says "ruin". We want to say "destiny", but God says "destruction".

In the expression he took her and she came to him there is no intimation whatever that David brought Bathsheba into his palace through craft or violence, but rather that she came at his request without any hesitation, and offered no resistance to his desires. We hear nothing of her reluctance, and there is no evidence that she was taken by force. It's hard to explain David's thinking here, because he wasn't thinking. He acted on feeling and impulse instead of thinking. If David thought about all this, he would see that the cost was so much greater than he wanted to consider at the time. If David knew that this illicit pursuit of pleasure would directly or indirectly result in an unwanted pregnancy; The murder of a trusted friend: A dead baby; His daughter raped by his son; One son murdered by another son; A civil war led by one of his sons; A son who imitates David's lack of self-control and it leads him and much of Israel away from God.

The same kind of ruin comes of adultery today. We think about all the children who went to bed without daddy at home because of the terrible attack on our country on September 11th, 2001. But far more children go to bed every night without daddy in the house because of adultery. At this moment David agreed with the world's understanding of the purpose of sex, seeing it primarily as the pursuit of a pleasurable experience. With his many wives, David never really understood God's purpose for sex: to be the "cement" that helps bond together a one-flesh relationship.

It seemed on the surface David "got away" with this sin. But he and we could only think that if we believed the sin was something good God wanted to keep from David. David did something harmful and destructive to himself and others and harm and destruction

will come of it. Just because David wasn't caught at the moment doesn't mean that he got away with anything.

And the woman conceived; so she went and told David "I am with child". David and Bathsheba didn't plan on this. They were terrified both at the "problem" of the pregnancy itself and that it meant that their adultery would be found out. Her message "involved an appeal to him to take the necessary steps to avert the evil consequences of the sin, inasmuch as the law required that both the adulterer and adulteress should be put to death" ([Leviticus 20:10](#)). David sent Uriah home expecting and hoping that Uriah would prove to be like himself; instead he proved to be a man of integrity, whose first loyalty was to be king's interests rather than to his own pleasure. David then murders Uriah. When David heard the disastrous news of Bathsheba's pregnancy, he should have used it as a prompting to repent. Instead, David did what most unrepentant sinners do: hide his sin. The whole concept of hiding our sin is deceptive. Our sin is never hidden before God and only hidden with difficulty from our conscience. Our hidden sin hinders our fellowship with God and others and is a barrier to spiritual life and power. The real question for us all is: "Are we prepared to face sin? Not to discuss someone else's sin, but to face our own".

The answer to hidden sin is confession and repentance. To whom should we confess? The answer is in the question, "Whom have we sinned against?" Another question is how soon should we confess? The answer is "within 15 seconds or less". As soon as you are aware of sin, confess that sin immediately. If you sin secretly, confess secretly, admitting publicly that you need the victory but keeping the details to yourself. If you sin openly confess to remove stumbling blocks from those who witnessed your sins. In that way you will release them from a lifetime of judging you. always seek godly advice and counsel before confessing your sins to the church. Most church people do not properly respond to confessions of sin. Sometimes you can achieve the same result by sharing with a small group of spiritual leaders/elders who know how to assist you with rebuilding your life. If you have sinned spiritually (prayerlessness, lovelessness, and unbelief as well as their offspring, criticism, etc.) then confess to the church that you have been a hindrance.

There is little doubt to be made but that Bathsheba was inwardly glad when she moved into David's house, considering her danger of being punished as an adulteress, and her hopes of being now made a queen. She became his wife, which was nothing new for David. He had added wives before; now he simply adds another. David is sort of a hero in the eyes of the people. He had taken into his harem, the poor pregnant wife, the widow of one of his fallen captains, so that the people say, "My, look at the way he stands behind his men! He takes care of their widows when they are killed in battle. My, what a marvelous king!" Man looks on the outward appearance but God looks at the heart. Someone may have done you wrong, while at the same time looking like a saint to everyone else. You know the real deal. God also knows. He will straighten it all out shortly. Continue to trust in the Lord.

David's state of heart in the intervening year is reflected in [Psalm 32:1 - 5](#) and [Psalm 51](#).