

Keep The Door Closed To Demonic Dysfunction - Part One

Most people are careless after a great victory. This is the time when the devil is most destructive. He loves to catch us off-guard. You know when you are off-guard when you do not immediately react to the pull of sin. Sin is horrible. Sin has and continues to produce untold misery and anguish. There is nothing on earth more painful than sin. We know and understand all of this, yet have trouble running away from sin when it appears. Our problem is rooted in the appearance of sin. Sin rarely appears sinful. When you cover sinful behaviors with popular television shows, beautiful actors and influential personalities, sin looks not only natural, it is inviting.

[2 Samuel 11:1-2](#). David arose from his bed and walked on the roof. The Hebrew verb form of walked suggests that David paced back and forth on the roof. He could not sleep and was uneasy because he was not where God wanted him to be. David was only doing what was “natural” just as Uzzah was doing the “natural” thing when he reached out to steady the ark. This lets us know that one of the enemies we have to face is our own “natural tendencies”. This was not the first time David sent Joab on a war assignment. See [2 Samuel 10:7](#). Notice that David did not join the battle until verse [17](#)). The problem was not the location or assignment. The problem was in the lack of focus. David was not on a war footing. He was too comfortable. He was too confident of the outcome. Had he remained behind to pray and meditate, he would have probably not gotten into trouble. David’s resting from battle was not the problem. If rest were the problem, the solution would be constant business, and we know that does not work. Busy people sin as well.

[Verse 3](#). She is called the daughter of Eliam. We find a version of that name in [1 Chronicles 3:5](#). Ammiel, a word of the same meaning. It meant “The people of my God or The God of my people”. This name expressed the covenant – I will be your God and we will be thy people. Her name was a reminder to David that he could depend on God to supply every need. David did not need to sin to be satisfied sexually. Her father was Eliam, one of David’s Mighty Men ([2 Samuel 23:24](#)). Her grandfather was Ahithophel – one of David’s chief counselors ([2 Samuel 23:24](#) and [2 Samuel 15:12](#)). David tries to get Uriah to go home and lie with his wife so that the child now conceived should pass for his. This deception would protect his honor to Bathsheba and conceal his crime. At this time, David was not planning to murder Uriah, nor of taking Bathsheba to wife, but Satan had other plans. Uriah’s reasons for not sleeping with his wife were also a reminder to David of his loss of focus. Uriah would not indulge himself while his fellow soldiers were exposed to hunger and the ark of the Lord was in danger.

[Verse 14](#). David wrote a letter. He made this man carry the letter, which stated how he was to be murdered. [Verse 17](#). Uriah the Hittite died. He was led to attack the place defended by valiant me; and in the heat of the assault, Joab and his men retired from this brave soldier, cheerfully gave up his life for his king and his country.

[Verse 26](#). She mourned for her husband. The whole of her conduct indicates that she observed the form without feeling the power of sorrow. She lost a captain and in his place got a king of her spouse. Someone said, “She shed reluctant tears and forced out groans from a joyful heart”. [Verse 27](#). When the mourning was past, she became his wife in a rushed effort to cover up the coming pregnancy.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord. Who can help deploring the fate of the brave, the faithful, the incorruptible Uriah? Bathsheba was probably first in sin by a too public display of her charms which affected the heart of David. David used sex with Bathsheba as a cover for the discomfort of unrest. He really did not “need” her as much as he needed a new distraction. He committed one crime which he employed many shifts to conceal; these all failing, he is led from step-to-step to the highest degree of guilt. Not only does he feel that his and her honor, but even their lives are at stake; by the Law of Moses, the punishment for adultery was death. He thought therefore that either Uriah must die or he and Bathsheba will perish for their sin. For the law had made no provision to save the life of even a king in sin.

The principle of [Galatians 5:16](#) rings true: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If David had his attention where God wanted it, he would never have put it where God did not want it to be. While Joab is busy laying siege, Satan was laying siege to David. It is wrong to think that this was the beginning of the chain of events David followed all the way down to adultery and murder. David showed his disregard of God’s plan for marriage many years before when he took more than one wife ([1 Samuel 25:42-43](#) and [2 Samuel 3:2-5](#)). David’s practice of adding wives showed a lack of romantic restraint and an indulgence of his passions. This corrupt seed sown long ago has grown unchecked long enough and will now begin to bear bitter fruit. This matter of Bathsheba was simply the climax of something that had been going on in his life for twenty years. Staying home from the battle merely provided an opportunity for the lack of romantic restraint and indulgence of passion to take full control. This battle was not lost on the roof. It was lost in the accumulation of ungodly looks and desires that were considered to be merely “natural”.