

Keep The Door Closed On Demonic Dysfunction, Part. III

[2 Samuel 13:1-21](#) Tamar was the daughter of David and Maacah, daughter of the king of Geshur, and the full sister of Absalom. Amnon was David's eldest son by Ahinoam. She was therefore only half-sister to Amnon. The name Tamar means "Palm Tree", signifying fruitfulness. The name Absalom means "His Father's Peace". The name Amnon means "Faithful, Stable". None of them were able to fulfill the destiny and purpose outlined in their names because David was not willing to control his own lust. Some scholars say Tamar was born before her mother married David and therefore could have possibly been married to Amnon.

Amnon was so intoxicated by lust, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar for she was a virgin. Lust was raging in him like a painfully vicious storm. Virgins were kept separate from the general male population and reserved for marriage. They were protected and cared for in a special way. He could not get to her. This form of protection is what every father should provide for his children. We hurt our children and often ruin their lives forever by not protecting them from people who thirst for their innocent blood. There are few things sweeter than innocence. Everyone loves babies because of their innocence.

Amnon told his friend, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister"; he does not call her his sister, but Absalom's sister, to lessen his sin of unlawful love for her. Amnon said, "I pray thee let my sister Tamar come". He calls her sister, as Jonadab had directed to make it appear that his desire for her was innocent.

[Vs. 12](#) "May, my brother". There is something exceedingly tender and persuasive in this speech of Tamar; but Amnon is in animal lust, and it was all lost on him. Amnon seems to be a spoiled prince who always took what he wanted. [Vs 15](#) Hated her exceedingly. Amnon's conduct toward his sister was not only brutal, but cannot be explained.

And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? She asked him to consider her reputation, which would be lost. Was she to go into a corner and hide? What was she supposed to do? The devil will help you sin, but will not help you hide. If her feelings were hurt just by suggestion of sex with her brother imagine how she must have felt after it had happened. She could not lift up her face. She could not look anyone in the eye. She would be shamed for life and he would be listed as one of the fools in Israel; as the vilest, basest and most ridiculous in the nation. Amnon should have been even more concerned because he was the heir apparent to the throne.

Then Amnon hated her exceedingly...Now that he had used her as he wanted, he now wanted her gone because her presence reminded him of his lack of control. Her presence was a reminder that he really was a fool in Israel. His reaction is also one of the signs of lust. Lust is a dirty emotion that will attach itself to any selfish desire. Now that Amnon desired to hide his filth, his lustful spirit hated Tamar because she was visible proof of his impurity. The stains of his sins were all around him. Amnon said unto her, "arise, be gone" without calling her by her name, or calling her sister. He used her as a sexual handkerchief to blow the nose of his lustful desires. Now that he had been satisfied, she became a dirty rag that needed to be thrown away. One writer suggested that Amnon was driven to put her out by the same spirit that drove him to rape her. Because of his brutal rejection of Tamar there was no way to hide his sin. It would become known to Absalom and told to David. David would again suffer for his sin of adultery and murder.

And she said unto him, [there is] no cause....For such treatment as this: this evil in sending me away [is] greater than the other that thou didst unto me; not that this was a greater sin, but it was a greater evil or injury to her, that the rape was done secretly, but this rejection was done openly. Because she was pushed out in such a public open manner, it would look as if she was the one who thrust herself on him, and had drawn him into sin. Had they decided to keep it a secret, she would not have been exposed to public shame and disgrace, (remember Mary the mother of Jesus). It was also possible that she might have been married to someone else. If they had kept it quiet, it would not have been known the grief of her father, to the revenge of Absalom, and the dishonor of their family. What Amnon did to Tamar was wrong, but he could still somewhat redeem the situation by either marrying her or paying her bride-price in accordance with [Exodus 22:16-17](#) and [Deuteronomy 22:28-29](#). The payment was meant to compensate for the fact that Tamar was now less likely to be married, no longer being a virgin.

Let me give a friendly, fatherly, tip unto all ladies who may be in the position of Tamar in that you have some fellow who is really pressing hard to have sex with you. He is the picture of kindness. He is very attentive. He calls all the time. He opens the door for you. He brings you flowers, but he's pushing hard for sex. Don't give in. If you really love him, make him wait until you are married. If he really loves you, he will. If you really love God, and love yourself, make him wait. Over, and over, time and gain, the brother (or sister – nowadays) will press and press until they have taken you to bed. Not long after their attitude and feelings toward you will change. You're no longer a challenge. Your body has been used. They are now off for someone new and exciting. If you really love him and want him, make him wait.

Remember who opened this door of destruction upon the family? In this single act, Amnon only built upon the example of his father David. David had just displayed the same type of inability to control himself. This is often how the iniquity of the fathers is carried on the children to the third and fourth generations. A child will often model a parent's sinful behavior, and even go further in the direction of sin than their parents.

Absalom, her brother seems to immediately know what had happened. Amnon probably thought he had concealed his crime. Nevertheless, it was obvious to Absalom that he immediately knew that Amnon was responsible. Part of the blindness of lust leads the lustful man or woman to believe that no one can tell what is going on. Sin is more obvious than sinners realize. (Like hiding the pipe, alcohol, lipstick, hotel receipts).

Tamar didn't go to her father David because she knew he tended to let his sons get away with murder. He allowed excuses for their evil. [Vs 21-22](#) When David heard all these things he was angry but did nothing. He allowed his own guilt to block the punishment of his son. Perhaps had David acted properly, the cycle of sin and death may have stopped at this point. [Vs 21](#) – some translations add the following: "But he would not grieve the soul of Amnon his son, for he loved him, because he was his first-born". They say a man never hears his own voice till it comes back to him from the recording of his own child's life. We never see the worst of ourselves until we see it in the fruit of our actions. Jesus said, we will be known by our fruit. What will people become if they read what you read, eat what you eat, think your same thoughts, nurture the same attitudes, believe as you believe and behave with your same motives and actions? What kind of fruit are you producing? You may not have children, but you do have people who are watching you and are being influenced by you.

