

**Agape House of Worship**  
**Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

**Study Series: A Man After God's Own Heart**  
**Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-27**

**Part 10: David & Bathsheba: When Kings Fall**  
**Teacher: Pastor Bimbola Lawore**

### **Introduction: The Fall of a Great King**

In the last nine sessions, we have studied the life of David the shepherd boy who became a king. We have explored how the fear of God guided him through the wilderness of His life; how God sent helpers of destiny to him, and he grew in favor before God and men. David was a successful King, and he had the badge of honor of being called “a man after God’s own heart” 1 Samuel 13:14. However, David the anointed King fell into moral failure in a season of his life when he was experiencing tremendous peace and power (comfort). In today’s bible study, we will examine how David fell into sin that left a major consequence in his life and family.

**Key Lesson:** No one is above temptation or failure.

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13** “<sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! <sup>13</sup> No temptation<sup>[c]</sup> has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted<sup>[d]</sup> beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,<sup>[e]</sup> he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” NIV

#### ⇒ **David’s Idleness**

**2 Samuel 11:1-2** In the spring of the year,<sup>[a]</sup> when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. (NLT)

- Idleness happens when we neglect our purpose and responsibility, David stayed behind while kings went to war
- Idleness and Isolation are dangerous, they are prerequisite to sinful behaviors and spiritual lethargy Apostle Paul warns against Idleness in his letter to the Thessalonian Church, **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

**Question – What are some of the ways Idleness can manifest in the life of a believer?**

#### ⇒ **David’s Inquiry**

**2 Samuel 11:2-4** “<sup>2</sup> Late one afternoon, after his midday rest, David got out of bed and was walking on the roof of the palace. As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. <sup>3</sup> He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. She had just completed the purification rites after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home.” (NLT)

- Sin is rarely sudden; it starts with small compromises. David sees Bathsheba bathing and desires her. He inquires, then sends for her and slept with her.
- Know your weakness, build safeguards around your life, exercise self-control. **James 1:14-15**

**Lesson: Be careful what you see. Be careful where you go both physically and virtually.**

**Reflection: Share some ways we can build guardrails around our lives, so we do not fall into sin.**

⇒ **David's Moral Failure vs. Uriah's Integrity (2 Samuel 11:5–13)**

**2 Samuel 11:5–9** <sup>5</sup> Later, when Bathsheba discovered that she was pregnant, she sent David a message, saying, “I’m pregnant.” <sup>6</sup> Then David sent word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” So, Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah arrived, David asked him how Joab and the army were getting along and how the war was progressing. <sup>8</sup> Then he told Uriah, “Go on home and relax.<sup>10</sup>” David even sent a gift to Uriah after he had left the palace. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah didn’t go home. He slept that night at the palace entrance with the king’s palace guard. (NLT)

**Reflection:** Cover-ups compound the sin. What we hide, God sees.

**Proverbs 28:13** “Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” NIV

**James 5:16** “<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” NIV

⇒ **David Plot Uriah's Death (2 Samuel 11:14–17)**

**2 Samuel 11:14–17** <sup>14</sup> So the next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and gave it to Uriah to deliver. <sup>15</sup> The letter instructed Joab, “Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.” <sup>16</sup> So Joab assigned Uriah to a spot close to the city wall where he knew the enemy’s strongest men were fighting. <sup>17</sup> And when the enemy soldiers came out of the city to fight, Uriah the Hittite was killed along with several other Israelite soldiers.

- David sends Uriah to the frontlines with his own death sentence. One sin led to another, lust to deception to murder.
- Constant spiritual assessment is needed in our faith walk; we must ensure our heart is not hardened towards God's commands and God's people.

**Question:** Is there an alternative resolution David could have considered to resolve this matter, instead of murder?

**David's gets what his flesh wanted... (2 Samuel 11:18–27)**

**2 Samuel 11:26–27** “When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup> When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. Then she gave birth to a son. **But the Lord was displeased with what David had done.**

- God sees what man overlooks. Sin may be hidden from people but not from God.
- God does not ignore sin. Sin has consequences. **2 Samuel 13–15**,
- God forgives sin, when there is confession and repentance. **Psalm 103:3, 103:9–12**

**Question: Are there any unconfessed sin, you have been covering up, confess it before God?**

**Psalm 51:10 – 12** “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation