

Being Good at Being Wrong

I. Review

- A. David is king after a long wait
- B. He does what "great" kings do: wins wars and gains wealth, wives and concubines
- C. David has high highs and low lows
- D. David commits terrible sin: adultery and murder

II. Nathan Confronts David (II Samuel 12)

- A. Nathan tells a story: a rich man steals a poor man's sheep
- B. "You are the man." The story is about David
- C. David responds: "I have sinned."

III. The Cause and Consequence of Sin

- A. Excuses after the sin = excuses before the sin
- B. Same lie: "I have a need that God cannot satisfy."
- C. Sin is insidious:
 - 1. Sin ≠ sports fouls
 - 2. "Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay."
- D. God had greatly blessed David, yet he wasn't satisfied
- E. David is forgiven, yet the costs are high:
 - 1. Uriah is dead
 - 2. Other soldiers are complicit in Uriah's death
 - 3. Bathsheba is wronged and loses a son
 - 4. One of David's sons will commit public sexual sin against David's household
 - 5. David's unnamed son dies

IV. "Wait. That's not fair."

- A. Theodicy: how can an all-powerful, loving God let/cause bad things to happen?
- B. Answers are not easy and simple.
- C. "When we see shadows, we know that somewhere there is a Light."

V. David's Response

- A. Psalm 51
- B. Fix me, God; I cannot fix myself

VI. Our Response to Our Sin

- A. We cannot fix ourselves
- B. The Bible offers a solution; not a Plan, but a Person
- C. Jesus:

1. "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12,13)
2. "I have come as light ... don't stay in darkness" (John 12:46)
3. Through the Light we can become children of God (John 1:1-13)
4. Jesus died for us while we are lost in our sin. (Romans 5:6-8)
5. Our reward for sin? Death. (Romans 6:23)
6. Believe in Jesus and be saved (Romans 10:9-11)

VII. Takeaways

- A. What sin are you trying to excuse?
- B. What areas of your life are you trying to fix on your own?