

**“MORE THAN A NAME”**  
**(UNNAMED PEOPLE IN THE SCRIPTURES WHO LEFT AN UNDENIABLE IMPACT)**



**“A BABY NEVER NAMED”**  
**Text: II Samuel 12:15-19**

**INTRODUCTION:** Under normal conditions, growth is usually a condition of life, but where sin is concerned, growth leads to death (James 1:14-15). This principle is clearly seen and witnessed in the life of David. It is important to understand that there is no such thing as a “\_\_\_\_\_” because there is no such thing as a “*little God*” to sin against. In Old Testament Days, the circumcision of baby boys took place on the eighth day, and customarily on that day the parents of the child would name their child. The son born to David and Bathsheba died on the seventh day (**18**), so the child was never given a name. David is an extremely familiar character in the Old Testament, but despite all of his “*credits*”, he had a \_\_\_\_\_ flesh; we all do!! Sin, when fed, soon becomes a monster that in the end will hinder us and ultimately destroy us! Something as simple/small as a *sinful thought* may be the present size of sin in our lives and if it is, we need to stop it in its tracks before it grows (**Gal. 5:16-17, Acts 8:22**).

As David slowly lowered his nameless infant into a grave, he could only wish he had stopped the *progression of sin* long before.

Our lesson this evening backtracks the sad episode in David’s life to its beginning.

**I. A \_\_\_\_\_ DISOBEDIENCE (II Samuel 11:1)**

**The Bible gives us some compelling evidence as to where David’s sin began.**

**A. A DESERVED IDLENESS**

As we come to the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of II Samuel, David’s *won-loss* record as Israel’s king stands at **21-0**. David was *battle-tested* and *battle-victorious*. It’s safe to imagine that David needed a break, and he placed his confidence in Joab with his men to besiege Rabbah as David “*tarried*” in Jerusalem. (**Proverbs 15:19**)

In times of Christian Service when we think we *deserve* a spiritual break - \_\_\_\_\_!

**B. A \_\_\_\_\_ INVITATION**

Most of us should have well-learned by now that the Devil preys happily upon those who have let their guard down. (**Proverbs 16:18/ I Corinthians 15:58**)

## II. A SCORNED \_\_\_\_\_

David had accomplished much good in his life while knowing God, but David chose to ignore the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ that God had taught him. (**Proverbs 14:15, 27:12**)

### A. A LOOK (11:2)

Unchecked, “*looking*” in the wrong places leads to sin, which in turn leads to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Let’s consider the *visual component to temptation* found in the following verses:

**Genesis 3:6, Joshua 7:21, Judges 14:1**

### B. A \_\_\_\_\_ (11:3)

How might David’s story been different if when *looking*, he immediately turned away?

**Job** made a “*covenant*” with his eyes (**31:1**)

David prayed to the Lord to “*turn his eyes from beholding vanity, and to \_\_\_\_\_ him in the way*” (**Ps. 119:37**).

**VANITY** = Empty pleasure, vain pursuit, idle show; unsubstantial enjoyment.

### C. A \_\_\_\_\_ (11:4)

When we refuse to stop *temptation* in our *thoughts*, we become emboldened to sin.

When our sinful thoughts are not cast down, they soon become sinful \_\_\_\_\_.

(**II Corinthians 10:5**)

David, in his sin with Bathsheba had scorned the *discernment* that the **Holy Spirit** had tried to give him and we are fully capable of doing the same.

## III. A \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVERY (11:5)

The private sin of David would end in personal pain and \_\_\_\_\_ shame.

### A. THE CHOICES

God’s premier Creation has been given the ability and \_\_\_\_\_ to choose.

God longs for mankind to love Him. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

### B. THE CONSEQUENCES

Choices are ours, but the consequences of our choices are \_\_\_\_\_! (**Romans 6:23**)

David **chose** to commit adultery. He did not choose for a baby to be conceived and to die because of that **CHOICE!**

**CONCLUSION:** In the coming weeks we will look at the other 4 parts of this study. As we close this part of this study let’s learn that one of the best responses that a believer can make in the face of temptation is to \_\_\_\_\_! Our level of *Christian maturity* may not be enough to meet the lure of some temptations. As we commit our lives to the reading/studying of **God’s Word**, we build an arsenal of weapons to combat the temptations of the Evil One. As believers, we must learn that if we will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ he **WILL** flee from us! (**James 4:7**)