



Grace Unplugged

What caused David
to sin with Bathsheba and
against Uriah?

2 Samuel 12: The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel 12: 4 “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die!

2 Samuel 12: 6 He must pay for that lamb **four times over**, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. **8** I **gave** your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah.

The four-fold restitution of David

(1) Bathsheba's child, (2)
Amnon, (3) Absalom, & (4)
Adonijah

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2 Samuel 12: And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. **9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?** You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

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David sinned...

Because David 'Despised the
word of the Lord'.

Proverbs 13: 13 Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.

We despise the word of the Lord
when...

Something other than scripture
becomes the standard of our
lives.

2 Timothy 3: 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the **Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation** through faith in Christ Jesus.

We despise the word of the Lord
when...

Our compassion is misplaced.

We despise the word of the Lord
when...

You don't want to hear the truth
(love your sin too much)

We despise the word of the Lord
when...

We don't surrender to its
authority.

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2 Samuel 12: 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

2 Samuel 12: 11 “This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will **take** your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. 12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

13 Then David said to Nathan, “**I have sinned against the Lord.**”

The path back into the Lord's
will
begins with confession.

2 Samuel 12: 13b Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die.”

As David was “the man” of sin,
Jesus was “the man” who
became sin.



One Last Thought:
Always extend the judgment of
charity.

A close-up of a marble bust of a classical figure, possibly a deity or philosopher, with curly hair. The bust is centered against a background of aged, cracked parchment. The text "Grace Unplugged" is overlaid on the bust.

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