

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY
THE CASE OF THE OPEN WINDOW SHADE
2 SAMUEL 11



The Heart of the Matter

Those of us looking at David's life may use different words to say the same thing about his fatal experience with Bathsheba. We might call it the most distressing episode of David's life; some will see it as an exceedingly dark day; others will lament how the mighty have fallen. However we describe it, the encounter with Bathsheba and subsequent acts of sin stand as a never-to-be-forgotten illustration of the New Testament warning: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).



Discovering the Way

1. A Black Backdrop (2 Samuel 11:1)

David had already practiced polygamy, found himself in an especially vulnerable position of success, and he indulged himself.

2. A Sensual Scene (2 Samuel 11:2–5)

David found himself caught up with lurid thoughts that led to a lustful act with lingering results.

3. A Panic Plan (2 Samuel 11:6–21)

Now that he had sinned, David first planned to cover his act through deception. When that didn't work, he had Bathsheba's husband murdered.

4. A Complete Cover-Up (2 Samuel 11:22–27)

David covered up his act before the troops and the nation.

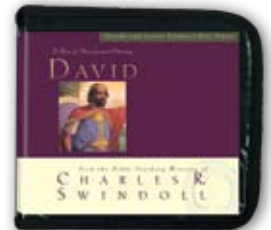


Starting Your Journey

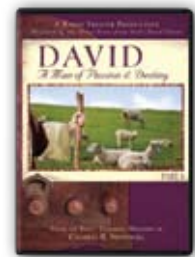
We may think that God knowingly winks at our evil deeds, but we must remember that He will always settle His accounts.



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