

## **The Aftereffects of Sin 2 Samuel 11**

### **Introduction:**

1. I remember, several years ago, we had some terrible storms here in Daytona and a lot of flooding. Our housing subdivision was one of those that flooded. Our entire front yard and back yard were lakes. You couldn't see our driveway at all.
  - People were canoeing up and down the streets. The water was one centimeter from entering our house. Others in our neighborhood were on slightly lower ground, and the water went through their entire houses.
  - That morning, kids were playing out in the rain, running around, and laughing. But, by nightfall, the laughing had turned to crying for so many. The next day, many were in shock. Most of the water had receded, but it left behind its ravaging marks.
  - Cars wouldn't start, homes were completely destroyed, furniture was damaged, and - worst of all - our neighbor lost her husband in the flood.
2. What started out as something unique, different, and even fun for some, ended up a disaster. The aftereffects were devastating.
3. Here, in chapter 11, we are going to see the aftereffects of David's great sin with Bathsheba. What started out as a simple, one-time, adulterous act ended up causing David so much heartache.
4. What were the aftereffects of David's sin? Let's examine it, and may it encourage us all to avoid sin at all cost.

### **First, sin brings worry and anxiety.**

1. David has peace in 2 Samuel 10:19, and just six verses later, David is in a tizzy. Why is this? Because in verses 1-4, David got caught up in sin, and then notice verse 5. You talk about stress and high blood pressure! Isn't it amazing how quickly sin can take away our peace?
2. Sin and peace are antonyms. They cannot dwell together in the same place. It is impossible. Oh, the devil can give a **false** peace, but not a genuine, real, lasting peace.
3. This is why so many marriages and homes are falling apart, today. They are full of stress, anger, and raging tempers. It is for the same reason that David's home became full of these things. He allowed sin to creep through the door. When sin creeps in, peace slips out.
4. So many people are hungering for an internal peace today, but they are going to all the wrong places to try to find it. They turn to sinful pleasures, and they come away empty. Why? It is because sin doesn't give peace; it takes away peace.
5. Mark it down, there is only one source of peace, and only one place to go to get lasting, real, genuine peace, and that is a person – Jesus Christ.

6. This is true before salvation. I remember I had no peace. I knew something was missing. What was it? I had a good family, plenty to eat, loving parents, a good school, friends, and I even went to church and been through confirmation classes and was baptized!
  - What was I missing? It was a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I was not at peace with God. Romans 5:1
  - 1 Peter 5:14 - Being at peace with God has nothing to do with the things I just mentioned. It is determined by one thing – whether you are in Christ or out of Christ. Peace has been made possible by Jesus Christ’s work on the cross. Colossians 1:20
7. But, it is also true after salvation. After you come to Christ and you are made at peace with God, God’s plan is that you walk in fellowship with Christ. Colossians 2:6
8. Peace isn’t something that comes to a person by chance or luck. It is a choice (Colossians 3:15). Will I let the peace of God rule my heart, or allow sin to rule my heart?

### **Second, sin brings a bitter harvest.**

1. David thought, “I can sin and nobody will ever know. It won’t be any big deal. After all, I’m the king.” But, notice verse 5. His sin found him out. It caught up with him.
2. There is a law in the Bible, and it is found in Galatians 6:7-8: When we sow seeds that are fleshly, we reap corruption. When we sow to the Spirit, we reap life.
3. Because of this law, Numbers 32:23 exclaims, “*Be sure your sin will find out.*” Sin that is not dealt with will eventually catch up to you, find you out, and you will reap its penalty and destruction.
  - It has been said, “The seed of wrongdoing may be sown in secret, but the harvest cannot be concealed.”
4. Planting the seeds of sin may seem pleasurable, but it is only for a season. When harvest time comes, it is not a pretty sight. **Illustration:** Moses in Hebrews 11:24-25 – Why did he make this choice? He was looking ahead to the harvest. vs. 26
5. There are some principles about sowing and reaping that we need to remember. We always reap what we sow, we always reap more than we sow, and we always reap later than we sow. We need to remember these principles.
  - Sowing to the flesh brings the crop of corruption, but sowing to the Spirit yields a harvest of life. David found this out.
6. The Christian does not have to sow to the flesh. Romans 8:2 declares that “*the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*”
  - The new “*law of the Spirit of life*” supersedes the old, fleshly “*law of sin and death.*”
7. The Christian can choose to sow to the flesh or the Spirit, but the consequences are clear and will never change. Romans 8:5-6, 12-13

### **Third, sin brings shame.**

1. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, what happened? They realized that they were naked, and they were ashamed, and tried to cover themselves with home-made fig leaves. Not only this, they attempted to hide from God's presence.
2. When David sinned, do you know what he did? Operation Fig Leaf! He tried to cover it. This chapter is the sad account of David shamed by his sin, trying desperately to cover it.
3. First, David called Uriah from battle and tried to convince Uriah (Bathsheba's husband) to go to his house (vs. 6-11). Then, David got Uriah drunk in an attempt to get him to go and lie with his wife. vs. 12-13
4. When that didn't work, David manipulated people and circumstances in such a way that Uriah was killed in battle. vs. 14-25
5. Sin brings shame, and in an effort to try to cover his shame, David's sin just kept getting bigger and bigger. First rule of holes: when you're in one, quit digging!
6. When Uriah was killed, David probably breathed a sigh of relief and thought, "I got away with that one – all covered up!" But, notice verses 26-27. May this be a lesson to us. You may be able to cover your sin and hide it from spouse, friend, parents, pastor, etc. But, we can never hide it from God. God saw everything and was displeased.

### **In Conclusion:**

1. Sin is pleasurable for a season, but Satan doesn't tell you about the ravaging aftereffects.
2. He doesn't advertise the shame, the worry, the stress, and the anxiety that it brings. He doesn't show the bitter harvest.
3. But, aren't you glad that God's Word does show us? God's Word shoots straight and tells you the truth. But, will we believe God's Word, or Satan's lies? This is one of the major themes of the Bible.
4. Will people choose to believe what God has said, or will they believe that they can prove God a liar, and do things their own way. Remember Galatians 6:7, "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*"