

# You Can't Cover Sin - Though You May Try

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2 Samuel 11:4-13

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## David's Slide into Sin

- David went from faithfulness to sin by steps
- 1) Shirking duty; 2) indulging flesh; 3) acting on impulse; 4) hiding
- This sin was devastating to David's kingdom - turning point in life
- David thought he could cover-up his sin
- Sin can never be hidden from God<sup>1Heb4:12-13</sup>

## Three Powerful Words

- Bathsheba's only words: *I am pregnant*<sup>5</sup>
- Their sin would soon be public
- Bathsheba hadn't be pregnant when Uriah left - purifying herself<sup>4</sup>
- David indulged his sexual lusts - married; multiple wives already
- Not following God's design<sup>Gen2:24</sup> One man, one woman
- We're called to God's design<sup>1Cor6:19-20</sup> sexual sin against body<sup>1Cor6:18</sup>
- David choose not to confess<sup>1Jn1:9</sup> but instead sought cover-up
- Sin cover-up was costly<sup>Ps32:3-4</sup> to David & likewise us

## David's Cover-up Attempts

- David quickly calls Uriah back<sup>6</sup> to get him to sleep with his wife
- David was successful, resourceful guy - easy plan?
- Forgot that his success was God's favor<sup>2Sam7:9</sup> and blessing
- Narrator only records David's words - David had 1 goal: cover-up
- David urges Uriah to *go down to your house and wash your feet*<sup>8</sup>, sends gift
- Do you think Uriah got suspicious? Abnormal things

## Uriah is Noble - God Works Through Uriah

- Uriah slept at the door of the king's house, not with his wife<sup>9</sup>
- David asks Uriah why<sup>10</sup>?
- Uriah declares convicting truths to David
  - God is working through Uriah<sup>Prv21:1</sup>
  - Uriah mentions ark - dear to David - holds God's laws
  - David danced for ark<sup>2Sg6:20</sup>; Michal called him on it
  - Was it wise for David to dance ½ clothed before servant girls?
  - Words were prophetic: *I will make myself more contemptible than this*<sup>5:22</sup>
- David breaks commands in ark: 7,8,9,10 & soon 6<sup>th</sup>
- Note how converted Hittite is more noble than David<sup>11</sup>
- *I will not do this thing*<sup>11</sup> Clings to duty - David should have done that!

## David's Cover-up Has Failed

- David holds Uriah<sup>12-13</sup> hoping to weaken him to sleep with his wife
- David even resorts to alcohol<sup>Hab2:15</sup>
- But Uriah is faithful<sup>13</sup> to his duty

## David's Sin Could Not Be Covered by His Own Actions

- Even if David succeeded with Uriah his sin would not be covered
- God saw the sin, God sees your sin
- God's grace calls us to holiness<sup>Titus2:11-14</sup> not lusts
- Run to the Gracious Holy God in Confession & find Mercy<sup>Heb4:14-16</sup>

## God's Faithfulness Overcomes Our Unfaithfulness

- Though David looked like a perfect king - he was a son of Adam
- We need a perfect king & redeemer
- God promised David that in His covenant<sup>2Sam7:12-17</sup>
- God has provided what we need in David's Son, Jesus
- Remember that God's heavy hand is also a merciful hand<sup>Ps32:5</sup>
- We are called to come and confess before our merciful Savior<sup>1Jn1:9</sup>