

You Are the Man!

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2 Samuel 12:1-15

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A Reminder of Where We've Been

- Last week... seemed David got away with his cover-up to the world
- *But the thing David has done displeased the Lord*^{1:1-27}
- How could David who wrote Ps 40:8 do this? How could we sin?
- David was tormented - Ps 32:3-4 - by his sin
- David needed repentance and confession^{Jms5:14-16}
- God wouldn't let David get away with sin... Lord sent Nathan^{Heb4:12}!

Confronted by the Lord's Servant

- Nathan sent was God's mercy to David
- Nathan spoke for God = prophet^{2S7:2-3;4-16}
- David was God's chosen - God would pursue David
- Today we have minister^{Eph4:11-12} and God's Word^{Isa55:10-11}
- God uses imperfect people to take His Word to imperfect people
- Nathan though sent, had a difficult task - used a story
- David had no problem finding speck in other's eye^{Mt7:3-5}
- Narrator used³ 'eat', 'drink', 'lie' - same words of Uriah^{2S11:11}
- We need Spirit to convict^{1Thes1:4-5; Psa139:23-24}
- Funny how David appealed to God⁵, where was God previously?

The Verdict Declared

- David's anger is riled up... punchline: *You are the man!*
- Same message today: *You are the man!*^{Rom3:23;1Jn1:8}
- Though we may not have actually murdered - Jesus said^{Mt5:21-22;27-28}
- Hear Christ declaring to you: *You are the man!*
- Only valid response is like David's: *I have sinned against the Lord*^{13;Ps51:1}

Nathan's Declarations

- God provided for David⁷⁻⁸
- Believer use the 4 G's daily to remind your sinful heart about God!
- David despised the Word of the Lord⁹
- All sin is unbelief^{CPiper}; We must use Word^{2Cor10:5;Ps119:11,9}
- Sin has consequences¹⁰⁻¹²
- Sword wouldn't depart house; public disgrace of wives^{2S16:22}
- How can a holy God orchestrate this? See WCF Chp5 and Gen^{50:20}
- God uses the free choices of sinful creatures to bring about the very thing He ordains

Wow, Is It Over for David?

- Saul lost his kingdom over rebellion^{1S15:28}, what about David?
- David repents & confess - no excuses^{13;Ps51:1}
- By David's own words⁵⁻⁶ he deserved to die & pay 4 fold

Nathan's Scandalous Reply

- *The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die*¹³
- How can that be? That is scandalous!
- That is the scandal of the Gospel & God's plan
- Jesus became sin for us^{2Cor5:21} from the foundation^{Eph1:4}
- We must RUN to the only thing that can cleanse sin:
God's Mercy^{Ps51:1}
- Delight in the Scandalous Gospel & respond in holiness!