

David and Bathsheba

The David we meet in 2 Sam 11 does not equate with the David we read of in the rest of the Bible

This story is a warning that no one is immune to temptation and there is no one who cannot fall

The final words of chap 11 record God's displeasure

David fell because:

- He was idle and not doing what he had been called to do
- His initial glance became a sustained look – beware of what we look at
- He had power and lust was raging within
- He brought temptation close to him

- His heart had strayed from God and he became manipulative
- He seemed powerless to stop his slide into treachery and murder
- He forgot that God was present during this entire episode

Lessons to learn

1. Be aware of our weaknesses
2. Consider the consequences of sin – how will it impact the people who really matter to us?
3. Covering over sin will never produce peace
4. Keep your inner life strong