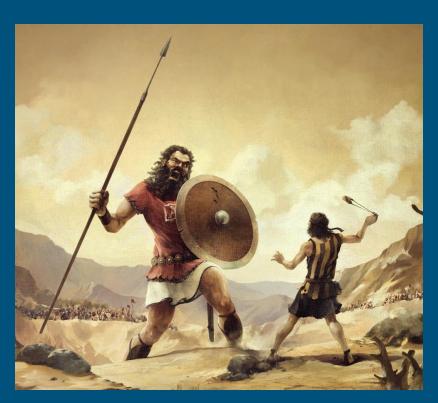
Immanuel-God with us

2 Samuel 11-12

David's Background



David and Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11-12

2 Samuel 11:1

In the spring of the year, when kings go out to do battle, David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But david remained at Jerusalem David has become complacent

He is supposed to be at the battle field

2 Samuel 11:2

It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.

2 Samuel 11:2-5

- David's gaze turns to lust
- Inquires about this woman
- Sends for Bathsheba
- Commits adultery
- Abuses his power
- Bathsheba is pregnant

2 Samuel 11:6-13

- Uriah (Bathsheba's husband) is called back from the battlefield
- David coaxes Uriah to sleep with his wife to cover things up
- Gets him drunk to trick him into sleeping with his wife

2 Samuel 11:14-15

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote "set uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down and die."

David has now premeditated murder

He involves others to cover up his mistakes

The thing David had done greatly displeased the Lord.

2 Samuel 11:27

Nathan's Rebuke

2 Samuel 12:1-4

"And the lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "there were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him"

Nathan's Rebuke

Nathan tells David that the Lord has seen his sin

The Lord never departed from David

He despised the word of the Lord (v. 9)

Nathan tells david of his punishment

David admits he has sinned against the Lord

God knows our hearts

Immanuel

1. A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3. He restores my soul

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me

5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you annoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6. Surely Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

1. A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- David was a shepherd
- Shepherds care for their sheep
- Sheep are dumb
- The Lord is His shepherd, this is only for the saved

- 2. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
 - Sheep don't lay down easily
 - They need food
 - They need calm water to be hydrated
 - The Shepherd leads us to food and water

- 3. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 - He restores my soul
 - We are part of his kingdom, we have his name
 - We should surrender to his lead, but we are difficult
 - He will guide us back to the righteous path

- 4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me
 - We will walk through a dark, long valley
 - He doesn't take us out of it, but he guides us through
 - The enemy will try to throw us off the path
 - God's rod and staff protect and guide us

- 5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
 - God has invited us to a dinner party, while the enemies are around
 - He sits with us, he wants to be with us
 - He washes us, and puts oil on our hair
 - We are his guest, he just loves us
 - Our joy overflows

- 6. Surely Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
 - He is good to us, and very merciful
 - He wants to be, and is, always present with us, the more we let him the more he blesses us
 - We will be part of his family forever

