

2 Samuel 11:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of David and Bathsheba, emphasizing devastating consequences of sin. David's adultery with Bathsheba and murder of Uriah represent the nadir of his reign. The Hebrew narrative's sparse, matter-of-fact reporting heightens the horror. The phrase "but the thing that David had done displeased the LORD" (v. 27) marks divine displeasure. This chapter demonstrates that even "a man after God's own heart" can fall catastrophically when neglecting spiritual disciplines and succumbing to temptation. Cross-references to Psalm 51 reveal David's repentance.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 11 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding devastating consequences of sin provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed

significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of devastating consequences of sin?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

בִּי וֹם	גַּם	בְּזֶה	וַיָּשָׁב	אֶזְרִיָּה	אֶל	דָּוִד	וַיֹּאמֶר
here to day	H1571	H2088	Tarry	So Uriah	H413	And David	said
H3117			H3427	H223		H1732	H559
בִּירוּשָׁלַם	אֶזְרִיָּה	וַיָּשָׁב	אֶשְׁלַחְךָ	וּמָחָר			
in Jerusalem	So Uriah	Tarry	I will let thee depart	also and to morrow			
H3389	H223	H3427	H7971	H4279			
וּמָחָרְכָּתָּ:	הָהָ וְאֵ	בִּי וֹם					
and the morrow	H1931	here to day					
H4283		H3117					