

# 2 Samuel 11:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.**

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

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| בְּ וּ      | גַּם             | בְּכִי | הַיְמָן         | יְמָן        | אָמַר |
| <b>said</b> | <b>And David</b> | H413   | <b>So Uriah</b> | <b>Tarry</b> | H2088 |

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| וְמִתְּרָם         | אֲשַׁלַּח בָּ          | וַיָּשָׁב | אָוֹרֵה  | בֵּירֶשֶׁלֶם |
| also and to morrow | I will let thee depart | Tarry     | So Uriah | in Jerusalem |

וְמִמְּחֻרָתָה בַּיּוֹם הַהִיא וְמִמְּחֻרָתָה בַּיּוֹם הַמִּorrow H1931 H4282