

# 2 Samuel 11:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

## Analysis

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**And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.**

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

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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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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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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וַתִּשְׁמַע	אֲשֶׁת	אָוֹרֵה	מֵת	אָוֹרֵה	אִישׁ
<b>heard</b>	<b>And when the wife</b>	<b>of Uriah</b>	<b>was dead</b>	<b>of Uriah</b>	<b>her husband</b>
H8085	H802	H223	H3588	H4191	H223

בְּעֵלָה:	עַל	וַתִּטְסֹף	ת
<b>she mourned</b>	<b>H5921</b>	<b>for her husband</b>	
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