

2 Samuel 11:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וְשַׁלַּח	דָּוִד׃	אֶל	יֹאָב בֶּן	וְשַׁלַּח	אֶל יְהוָה	אֶת	אֲוִיָּה הַ
saying Send	And David	H413	And Joab	saying Send	H413	H853	Uriah
H7971	H1732		H3097	H7971			H223
הַחִתִּי	וְשַׁלַּח	יֹאָב בֶּן	אֶת	אֲוִיָּה הַ	אֶל	דָּוִד׃	
the Hittite	saying Send	And Joab	H853	Uriah	H413	And David	
H2850	H7971	H3097		H223		H1732	

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 28:13 (Parallel theme): He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.