

2 Samuel 12:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Nathan's Rebuke, emphasizing conviction, repentance, consequences. Nathan's prophetic confrontation using parable demonstrates effective rebuke methodology. David's immediate repentance ("I have sinned against the LORD") contrasts with Saul's defensive self-justification. The child's death demonstrates that forgiveness doesn't eliminate all consequences. Theological themes include God's hatred of sin, the necessity of repentance, the distinction between eternal and temporal consequences, and God's grace that continues despite devastating sin.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 12 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 conviction, repentance, consequences 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of conviction, repentance, consequences?
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

עַד מִבֵּיתךְ נִשְׁאָר לֹא יָעַט הַסִּיר וְרָאשֵׁךְ כִּי כִּי
H6258 H3808 depart Now therefore the sword from thine house shall never
H5493 H2719 H1004 H5704

לֹאָשָׁה אַת תִּתְקַרְבֵּן כִּי עַד קָבֵד עַוְלָם
H5769 because H3588 thou hast despised me and hast taken H853 the wife
H6118 H959 H3947 H802

לֹאָשָׁה לְבָנָךְ תִּתְחַתְּ אָוֹרֵךְ הַסִּיר
of Uriah the Hittite H1961 H0 the wife
H223 H2850 H802

Additional Cross-References

Romans 2:4 (Parallel theme): Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Matthew 26:52 (Word): Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

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