

2 Samuel 12:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיִּנְחֵם	וְדָוִד	אֵת	בֵּית	שֵׁבִיעַ	אִשְׁתּוֹ	וַיֵּבֶ אֶל	אֶל־יְהוָה
comforted	And David	H853	H0	Bathsheba	his wife	and went in	H413
H5162	H1732			H1339	H802	H935	
וַיִּשָּׁכַב	עִמָּהּ	וְהִיא	לִדְ	בֶּן	וַיִּקְרָא	אֶת	
unto her and lay	H5973	with her and she bare		a son	and he called	H853	
H7901		H3205		H1121	H7121		
שְׁמוֹ	שְׁלֹמֹה	וְיְהוָה	אֱהָבָהּ				
his name	Solomon	and the LORD	loved				
H8034	H8010	H3068	H157				

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 1:6 (References David): And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;

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