

2 Samuel 12:8

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 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of 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

וָאֲתָנָה	לְךָ	אֶת	בֵּית	אֲדֹנֶיךָ	וְאֵת	נָשֵׁי	אֲדֹנֶיךָ
And I gave	H0	H853	house	and thy master's	H853	wives	and thy master's
H5414			H1004	H113		H802	H113
בְּחִיקָךְ	וָאֲתָנָה	לְךָ	אֶת	בֵּית	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְיְהוּדָה	וְאֵם
into thy bosom	And I gave	H0	H853	house	of Israel	and of Judah	H518
H2436	H5414			H1004	H3478	H3063	
מְעַט	וְאִם	כֹּה	לְךָ	וְכִהְנֶה:			
and if that had been too little	I would moreover have given	H0		and such things			
H4592	H3254			H2007			
וְכִהְנֶה:							
and such things							
H2007							

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 84:11 (Parallel theme): For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

2 Samuel 9:7 (Parallel theme): And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

Romans 8:32 (Parallel theme): He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

2 Samuel 7:19 (Parallel theme): And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

2 Samuel 12:11 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes,

and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

2 Samuel 2:4 (Parallel theme): And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.

2 Samuel 5:5 (References Israel): In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

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