

“David’s Worst Day”

Psalm 3

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*I. David’s bad day was the consequence of David’s
sin -*

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1. *Nathan's confronting of King David with his sin, adultery with Bathsheba, the murder of her husband Uriah –*

A. *Nathan's parable, he dares not approach king David in his sin wrought state directly, lest he be added to David's victims -*

12 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich *man* had exceedingly many flocks and herds. ³ But the poor *man* had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

⁵ So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! ⁶ And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity." 2 Samuel 12:1–6 (NKJV)

B. *God's rebuke of David delivered by Nathan the prophet -*

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more! ⁹ Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. ¹⁰ Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹² For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' " 2 Samuel 12:7–12 (NKJV)

C. David's response to this rebuke -

¹³ So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *who is born to you shall surely die.*" ¹⁵ Then Nathan departed to his house. 2 Samuel 12:13–15 (NKJV)

2. God's judgment against David for this sin:

A. The baby conceived in adultery dies, seven days after he is born – 2 Samuel 12:18

B. God forgave David's sin, meaning David did NOT GO TO LITERAL HELL for it – 2 Samuel 12:13

C. Absalom, David's own son rebels against him, prophesied in 2 Samuel 12:11-12

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²¹ And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong." ²² So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. 2 Samuel 16:21–22 (NKJV)

Verse 10 of 2 Samuel 12 says - ¹⁰ Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

REVIEW the consequence of David's sin with Bathsheba & murder of Uriah included AT LEAST:

- (A) The death Bathsheba's first son (**2 Samuel 12:18**);
- (B)) Amnon's rape of his sister Tamar (**2 Samuel 13:1-22**)
- (C) Amnon's death at the hand of his brother Absalom (**2 Samuel 13:23-33**).
- (D) Absalom's treasonous rebellion (**2 Samuel 15:1-18:8**) and death at the hand of Joab (**2 Samuel 18:9-19:8**).

- 3. *It is in the midst of Absalom's rebellion against David what is described in **Psalm 3:1-2** is happening. So, David's TROUBLE is David's own FAULT!*
 - A. *Absalom and Amnon are probably in Hell, Adonijah as well*
 - B. *David's sin with Bathsheba, led to his being a lousy father... at least to some of his sons!*
 - C. *Even Solomon, though he is saved, his sin with foreign women, might also be traced to the bad example of David, in this one area, though in other things David seems to have been a better father to Solomon.*

II. God answers the prayers of even great SINNERS, there is forgiveness with God –

³ But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. ⁴ I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah Psalm 3:3–4 (NKJV)

- 1. *Absalom died when his hair caught and he was hanging from a TREE, O he had beautiful hair –*

²⁵ Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. ²⁶ And when he cut the hair of his head—at the end of every year he cut *it* because it was heavy on him—when he cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels according to the king's standard. 2 Samuel 14:25–26 (NKJV)

2. *But David's sin is forgiven / God is His shield, God answers his prayers!*

A Psalm of David. A Contemplation. ¹ Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. Psalm 32:1

3. *God is David's shield / the lifter of David's head / the Answerer of David's prayer!*

¹¹ For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Psalm 25:11 (NKJV)

III. The comfort of true believers –

⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set *themselves* against me all around. Psalm 3:5–6 (NKJV)

Verse 5.—Xerxes, the Persian, when he destroyed all the temples in Greece, caused the temple of Diana to be preserved for its beautiful structure. That soul which has the beauty or holiness shining in it, shall be preserved for the glory of the structure; God will not suffer his own temple to be destroyed. Would you be secured in evil times? Get grace and fortify this garrison; a good conscience is a Christian's fort-royal. David's enemies lay round about him; yet saith he, "*I laid me down and slept.*" A good conscience can sleep in the mouth of a cannon; grace is a Christian's coat of mail, which fears not the arrow or bullet. True grace may be shot at, but can never be shot through; grace puts the soul into Christ, and there it is safe, as the bee in the hive, as the dove in the ark. **"There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."** **Romans 8:1.**—*Thomas Watson.*

Verse 6.—"I will not be afraid," etc. It makes no matter what our enemies be, though for number, legions; for power, principalities; for subtilty, serpents; for cruelty, dragons; for vantage of place, a prince of the air; for maliciousness, spiritual wickedness; stronger is he that is in us, than they who are against us; nothing is able to separate us from the love of God. In Christ Jesus our Lord, we shall be more than conquerors.—*William Cowper*

How could David have such great faith, in a dire situation, when he knew his own sin had caused the situation? He knew God had forgiven him –

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains. Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty
stains;

And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

William Cowper - Hymn 253

IV. Salvation is from God, from the LORD –

⁷ **Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah Psalm 3:7–8 (NKJV)**

1. If God be for us, who can be against us?

David's own sin hurt his family! Resulted in his own son's sinful rebellion! The majority of his people joined Absalom in the rebellion, but David remained King! God was still with him.

A. Our sins will CAUSE us horrible problems, even if by God's GREAT GRACE we are saved!

B. By grace God protects us!

2. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD.

A. Means we do NOT save ourselves!

B. We are not saved by our good works, because like David, our works are not good!

⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:4–5 (NKJV)

3. *God's blessing is on His people –*

Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah Psalm 3:8 B (NKJV)

Verse 8.—“Thy blessing is upon thy people” The saints are not only blessed when they are comprehensors, but while they are viators. They are blessed before they are crowned. This seems a paradox to flesh and blood: what, reproached and maligned, yet blessed! A man that looks upon the children of God with a carnal eye, and sees how they are afflicted, and like the ship in the gospel, which was covered with waves (Matt. 8:24), would think they were far from blessedness. Paul brings a catalogue of his sufferings (2 Cor. 11:24–26), “Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck,” etc. And those Christians of the first magnitude, of whom the world was not worthy, “Had trails of cruel mockings and scourgings, they were sawn asunder, they were slain with the sword” Heb. 11:36, 37. What! and were all these during the time of their sufferings blessed? A carnal man would think, if this be to be blessed, God deliver him from it. But, however sense would give their vote, our Saviour Christ pronounceth the godly man blessed; though a mourner, though a martyr, yet blessed. Job on the dunghill was blessed Job. The saints are blessed when they are cursed. Shimei did curse David (2 Samuel 16:5), “He came forth and cursed him” yet when he was cursed David he was blessed David. The saints though they are bruised, yet they are blessed. Not only they shall be blessed, but they are so. Psalm 119:1. “Blessed are the undefiled.” Psalm 3:8. “*Thy blessing is upon thy people*” —*Thomas Watson*.

A comprehensor knows, is already experiencing HEAVEN, a viator is a traveler, we are viators on our way to Heaven! There is Joy in our journey, though it be hard. We sing hymns now 😊 Acts 16:22-34

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