

Have You Ever Thought of What David Didn't Say?

One of the most familiar stories told in the Bible is the sin of David and Bathsheba and afterwards the words of Nathan to the king. It is often pointed out the confession of David and what true repentance really is, we are touched by the words of king David in ...

2 Samuel 12:13- so, David said to Nathan, *"I have sinned against the Lord."*

David's remorse and level of repentance was so wonderfully expressed in the 51st Psalm.

Psalms 51:1-19- David expresses his deep remorse and truly repentant heart,

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, that you may be found just when you speak, and blameless when you judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part you will make me know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me by your generous spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall be converted to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise. For you do not desire sacrifice, or I would have given it; you do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart these, O God, you will not despise. Do good in your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on your altar."

In this current "Me" centered, "It's not my fault", "others to blame" world, there are some important lessons to learn. While many people today would have tried hard to prove themselves the "victim" in this sad situation, observer David, He did not say...

"It's her fault", after all, Bathsheba was bathing in an opened place."

2nd Samuel 11:2 Tells us, *"Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the King's house and from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold."*

Surely, she knew that someone might see her. Why didn't she take more precautions? Maybe she wanted to be seen! Perhaps she hoped to entice the King. Whatever the case, she definitely carries a degree of responsibility in this matter, but David made no effort to shift the blame, he said *"I have sinned..."*

"These are hard times", "I have a very difficult job". "You can't imagine the stress I am under". All of these things would have been true, yet none of them served as a reasonable justification for what David did, and he knew it. So, he said *"I have sinned"*.

"Other people have let me down, why didn't they do more to help me"? If they had been there for me, this wouldn't have happened."

Yes, others could have stepped in to prevent the King's wicked deed. The messengers who were sent to fetch Bathsheba could have refused the King's command. (Probably at the risk of losing their heads!).

Joab, David's Army Captain, definitely could have objected to the murder of Bathsheba's husband. But David knew the bottom line, and said *"I have sinned..."*

Some say “I admit that I used poor judgement. It was an inappropriate relationship”.

It is common for people to try to rename their sins. They think that they can minimize their evil deeds by using ‘lesser’ terms to describe them. This never succeeds, and David did not try it. He simply stated “*I have sinned...*”

You see that David owned up to his sin.

Let me ask you my Christian friend, are you always trying to make excuses for your sins? Do you blame others or point to ‘extenuating circumstances?’ Do you use other terms to avoid admitting the reality of your wrongs? (Sins) These things never work with God. Try true confession! True remorse or true repentance!

1 John 1:9 – John tells us,

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”.

Why not own our sin and have a contrite heart as David did and return to God?