



THE RISE AND FALL OF  
**DAVID**

## 2 SAMUEL 12:1-3 <sup>NIV</sup>

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

2 SAMUEL 12:4-7a <sup>NIV</sup>

“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup> David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” <sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”

2 SAMUEL 12:7b-10 <sup>NIV</sup>

“...This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

2 SAMUEL 12:11-12 <sup>NIV</sup>

“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight.  
<sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

2 SAMUEL 12:13 <sup>NIV</sup>

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."  
Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

PSALM 51:1-6 <sup>NIV</sup>

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
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PSALM 51:7-12 <sup>NIV</sup>

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

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PSALM 51:13-17 <sup>NIV</sup>

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

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1 SAMUEL 16:7b <sup>NIV</sup>

...The LORD does not look at the things people look at.  
People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD  
looks at the **heart**.

2 SAMUEL 12:13 <sup>NIV</sup>

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HEBREWS 7:25a <sup>NIV</sup>

...he is able to save completely those who come to God  
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There's that one deep, dark part of our lives, even our present lives, that seems so intractable, so ugly, so beyond recovery. "To the uttermost" in Hebrews 7:25 means: God's forgiving, redeeming, restoring touch reaches down into the darkest crevices of our souls, those places where we are most ashamed, most defeated. More than this: those crevices of sin are themselves the places where Christ loves us the most... He knows to the uttermost, and he saves to the uttermost, because His heart is drawn out to us to the uttermost.

**DANE ORTLUND, *GENTLE AND LOWLY***

MATTHEW 11:28 <sup>NIV</sup>

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

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