

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 6/8/08

“David Hides from the Truth”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. We see the highs and lows of David’s life in the Bible
- B. Three Stages to his Sin with Bathsheba

II. Stages in Hiding Sin:

A. Stage 1: Planting the Seed

- 1. David Planted Seeds: 2 Samuel 11:1-2: What did he do? He did NOT go out to battle when the kings normally go out to battle; He stopped, he looked, he dwelled on what he saw.
- 2. Sin Starts With Seeds: Psalm 51:10: David asks for a clean heart - the SOURCE of the sin.
- 3. What Seeds Are We Planting? Galatians 6:7-8
- 4. We avoid the truth when we maintain an unclean heart: Psalm 51: Create in me a CLEAN heart! Galatians 5:16

B. Stage 2: Inquiry Into Sin

- 1. David Inquired Into Sin: 2 Samuel 11:3-4
- 2. A Way to Get Closer to Sin:
 - a. Similar to: Proverbs 7:6-9: Goes by house, checks it out...
 - b. Hint: The answer won't matter; motive: I want CLOSER!
- 3. Look for the Warning Signs: The Pang of Conscience; Keeping Questionable Relations; Excuses for Being Around Sin; Planning for My Temptation; Pressure From Family / Friends; Lying About My Temptation; Hiding Details of My Life
- 4. We hide from the truth by getting closer to sin. Note sin will find you out: 2 Samuel 11:5 - There are consequences!

C. Stage 3: The Decision to Cover It Up

- 1. David Made this Decision: 2 Samuel 11:5-27
 - a. Plan 1: Bring her husband home to sleep with her.
 - b. Plan 2: If she is widowed, I can have her lawfully.
- 2. Telling the Truth Is Difficult: Telling a lie is easy
 - a. Life would be easier if SIN carried the IMMEDIATE consequences. The Easy way out - COMPLICATES life.
 - b. 2 Samuel 12:7-14. How much damage do we cause by covering up sin?
- 3. Our Two Paths After Sin: Cover it up or Admit and make right
- 4. Questions to Ask: Do I need to make things right? What would God say to me? Whom have I hurt because of my sin?