THE RISE AND FALL OF

His Restoration: Nathan's Rebuke & David's Repentance



2 SAMUEL 11:27b NIV

But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

thy kingdom come... THY KINGDOM COME.



They say of some temporal suffering, "No future bliss can make up for it," not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory. And of some sinful pleasure they say "let me have but *this* and I'll take the consequences": little dreaming how damnation will spread back and back into their past and contaminate the pleasure of the sin.

- C.S. LEWIS, THE GREAT DIVORCE





PSALM 32:1-4 NIV

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent,
 my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.



PSALM 32:5-7 NIV

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.



The Prophet's Parable | 2 Samuel 12:1-5 NATHAN REBUKES DAVID



2 SAMUEL 12:5-7a NIV

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die!

⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"



DECEPTIVE IDEAS DISORDERED DESIRES DISTURBING REALITY

JOHN 8:44 NIV

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."



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EPHESIANS 2:1-3 NIV

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

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1 PETER 5:8-9 NIV

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.





PSALM 51:1-4 NIV

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

- For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.



PSALM 51:16-17 NIV

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.



ROMANS 5:20-21 NIV

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



CONFESSION

LEADER

Heavenly Father, (Matthew 6:9)

PEOPLE

Have mercy on us. (Luke 18:13)

We have not loved You as You deserve; (Mark 12:30)

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves; (Mark 12:31)

We have not obeyed You as we should. (John 14:15)

Lord, forgive us our sin. (Matthew 6:12)

We need a Savior. (Romans 3:23)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER

Church, believe the good news! (Mark 1:15)

PEOPLE

Jesus died for us. (Romans 5:6)

Jesus rose for us. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Jesus intercedes for us. (Hebrews 7:25)

In Him we are a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

In Him we have forgiveness of sin. (Ephesians 1:7)

In Him we have a Savior. (1 John 4:14)

To God be the glory forever and ever! Amen. (Galatians 1:5)