**The Message to David (II Sam. 12:1-14)**

**The Announcement of Nathan (v. 12:13b-14)**

**A. The Analogy of Nathan (vv. 1-4)**

**B. The Anger of David (vv. 5-6)**

**C. The Accusation of Nathan (vv. 7-12)**

**B.’ The Anguish of David (v. 12:13a): *“And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD”***

**(Ps. 51)**

A. My Request (1-2) “have mercy”

1. The Attributes of the Saviour

 2. The Actions of the Sinner

 B. My Responsibility (vv. 3-6) I will acknowledge

C. My Restoration (7-12): cleansing, rejoicing, blotting, renewing, empowering, restoring

B.’ My Responsibility (13-17) I will teach, sing, praise, & exhibit true humility (vv. 13-17)

A.’ My Request (v. 18-19) have mercy on Zion (vv. 18-19)

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**PREMISE: The LORD is merciful and just in His dealings with sin.**

**I. The Remission of David’s Sin (v. 13b)**

 **A. The Review (v. 13a)**

 1. David > I have sinned against the LORD (Lk. 18:13 > simple, not wordy, not convoluted) >

Ps. 32:5; 51:4

 2. Saul > I Sam. 15:24, 30 > Pharaoh (Ex. 9:27; 10:16) > manipulation; no real change!

 **B. The Repentance (v. 13a)**

 1. He acknowledged his sin: adultery and murder (both worthy of death: Lev. 20:10; 24:17)

 2. He forsook sin—sin no more (Jn. 8:11)

 **C. The Removal (v. 13b)**

1. Subject > “The LORD”

 2 Action > *“hath put away” > `avar* (“pass over”) > anticipates Jer. 31:34 (Heb. 11:32)

 3. Object > “thy sin”

 **D. The Result: no death (v. 13b)** David admitted he deserved death (12:5) > Rom. 6:23

(Nevertheless, Uriah died and the infant died)

**II. The Retribution for David’s Sin** (consequences for sin)

 **A. The Reason**

 1. Sin is against the LORD (Ps. 51:2-4)

2. Enemies to blaspheme (*na’atz*) inf. Abs. > “blaspheming they shall blaspheme”! > Rom. 2:23-24 > Ps. 74:10; Rev. 13:6 > Col. 3:8.

**B. The Result** > guilty lives; innocent dies > Ezk. 18:4 > Isa. 55:8-9

 1. Death of infant example of divine judgment on David. > Rom. 5:12; Jam. 1:15

2. Life of David example of divine mercy on David > Ps. 41:4; 116:5 (mercy: not receiving what we should; grace: receiving what we shouldn’t)

**CONCLUSION: We will rejoice forever about Lord’s mercy on us as sinners!**