

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) 2 Samuel 11 is a dark chapter in the history of the life of David.
 - i) This is the chapter where David committed adultery.
 - ii) At this time, David was at the zenith of his career.
 - (1) It seemed as if he had everything right at his feet and that God was blessing him in a wonderful way.
 - iii) He was a man after God's own heart, and he really loved the Lord.
- b) One of the ways that we know that the Bible is an inspired book is that it does not gloss over the sins of the saints.
- c) 2 Samuel 11:1-5
 - i) In verse one, the word "but" tells us that this was not the time that David should have been in Jerusalem.
 - ii) David committed a horrible sin.
 - (1) He was, nonetheless, a man after God's own heart.
 - (2) And David was a great repentor.
- d) Today's message will focus on the sin of adultery.
 - i) It is very important that we speak clearly and forthrightly concerning the sin of sexual impurity, fornication and adultery, because it is eating away at our nation and creeping into the lives of some who profess to be Christians.
- e) Young people today are being told that sexual immorality is not all that bad.
 - i) We're told that we have gone through a moral revolution and that old-fashioned laws or morality are out of date.
 - ii) We are living in the "anything goes" generation.
 - iii) Because of this, our young people and adults alike are being pulled into sin and ungodly philosophies.
- f) David sinned against his marriage.
 - i) David did not understand the beauties of a monogamous marriage.
- g) Marriage is divine in creation.
 - i) God's plan is for one man to be married to one woman until death do them part.
 - ii) Marriage is the first institution created by Almighty God.
 - (1) Marriage came before laws.
 - (2) Marriage came before government.
 - (3) Marriage came before civilization.
 - (4) Marriage came before the church.
 - (5) God gave to man marriage even before God gave to man a system of worship.
 - iii) Marriage comes from God.
 - iv) There are those who have tried to stamp out marriage and to eradicate it.
 - (1) They try to tell us that marriage is a social invention, but it is not.
 - v) Mark 10:6
 - vi) God put into man a mating instinct for one man to be married to one woman.

- h) Of all human relationships, marriage is the supreme commitment.
 - i) Mark 10:7-8
 - (1) Your supreme relationship is not to your parents.
 - ii) Your relationship to your spouse is a stronger tie than your relationship to your mother and father.
 - iii) You are to love your children and care for them, but they are not your supreme earthly commitment.
 - (1) Your commitment to your spouse is a stronger commitment.
 - iv) Your business is not your supreme commitment.
 - (1) If your business wants to move you to another city or state, is that where God wants you to go?
 - (a) You have no right to move around unless God leads you to do that.
 - i) Marriage is to be faithful in continuance.
 - i) One man is to be married to one woman until death do them part.
 - (1) We are to stay married, and that marriage is to be a pure marriage.
 - j) Adultery is a terrible sin.
 - i) Exodus 20:14
 - ii) In the remainder of today's message, we will see how a person sins when he commits adultery.
- 2) HE SINS AGAINST HIMSELF (1 CORINTHIANS 6:18)
- a) 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - i) The word "fornication" means "sexual immorality."
 - (1) It is the word from which we get our word "pornographic" or "pornography."
 - (2) It can mean sexual immorality before marriage or after marriage.
 - (a) Adultery is the name of sexual sin after marriage, but sexual sin after marriage may also be called fornication.
 - ii) When God is saying here to flee fornication, He is saying in the larger sense to flee sexual immorality.
 - b) There is no sin in the catalog of sins that will do you more damage or more harm than the sin of sexual impurity and immorality.
 - i) It is harmful spiritually.
 - ii) It is harmful psychologically.
 - iii) It is harmful physically.
 - c) When God says don't commit adultery, He is not trying to keep people from sex; He is trying to keep sex for us.
 - i) Exodus 20:14
 - ii) It is God's gift, and it is to be used in its proper context.
 - d) It has been documented that many young college students suffer psychological problems because of their sexual immorality.
 - e) Many suffer from sexually transmitted diseases.
 - f) Numbers 32:23

3) HE SINS AGAINST HIS FAMILY

- a) The family is the basic unit of society.
 - i) When a person commits adultery, he or she sins against that unit.
 - ii) The lives of thousands of innocent children are begin torn apart each year by the tragedy of divorce.
- b) Divorce is the only game people play where nobody wins, and everybody loses.
- c) Monogamous marriage was created by God for the protection and the development of the deepest psychological, physical and spiritual needs of humanity.
 - i) God gave us the family to provide for the love, the physical care and the social, physical and spiritual development of children.

4) HE SINS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF GOD (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16)

- a) When David committed adultery, he sinned against God's people because he was a leader of God's people and a part of God's people.
- b) We are bound together in a community of faith, love and partnership.
 - i) The Bible says that we are members one of another.
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 3:16
 - iii) Romans 12:5
 - iv) 1 Corinthians 3:17
- c) Some people think that what they do in their private lives is nobody's business but their own.
 - i) But as Christians, it is the business of each member of the church.
 - ii) When we come into the church, we are committed to one another.
 - iii) We are members of the same body.
 - iv) What hurts one, hurts the other.
- d) Anyone who lives a sexually impure life is sinning against his church.
 - i) He is helping to wreck the church.

5) HE SINS AGAINST THE NATION (PROVERBS 14:34)

- a) Proverbs 14:34
- b) Historians tell us that sexual immorality has led to the downfall of several nations.
 - i) It led to the downfall of Greece.
 - ii) It was the sin that led to the downfall of Rome.
 - iii) It led to the downfall of Egypt.
 - iv) It led to the downfall of Babylon.
- c) Adultery is the enemy of the home, and the enemy of the home is the enemy of the nation.
 - i) As our homes go, so goes our nation.
- d) The reason we have so much sexual assault, so many divorces, so much domestic violence and so much child abuse is because people who treat sex lightly will always treat other human beings lightly.

- 6) HE SINS AGAINST GOD (2 SAMUEL 12:13)
 - a) David saw that the bottom line was that his sin was against God.
 - i) 2 Samuel 12:13
 - ii) Psalm 51:4
 - b) One of the horrible things about the sin of adultery is that it shows contempt and disrespect for God.
 - i) Adultery is a sin against God.
 - c) When a person commits adultery, not only does he break God's law, but he also breaks God's heart.
 - i) Hebrews 13:4
 - ii) Job 31:11
 - iii) Proverbs 6:27-29
 - iv) Proverbs 6:32
 - v) 1 Corinthians 6:9
 - vi) Over and over again in Scripture, the Bible warns against this sin of adultery.
 - d) One of the ways we know that David was truly saved is because he repented of his sin of adultery and forsook it.
 - i) What he did hung like a cloud in his mind.
 - (1) Psalm 51:3
 - (2) Psalm 32:4
 - (3) Psalm 51:1
 - ii) David slipped into sin, and he confessed it and got out.
 - e) But if this is a person's way of life, if they have the mindset of an adulterer and have chosen it, then they are likely not saved.
 - i) 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
 - ii) Saved people do not practice such sin.
 - iii) Revelation 21:8
 - f) What are some ways that you can keep your life from adultery and keep your life pure?
 - i) Decision
 - (1) Give your heart to Jesus.
 - (2) If you've not yet been saved, give your life to Jesus today.
 - ii) Dependence
 - (1) Depend upon Jesus.
 - (2) Ask the Lord Jesus to keep you pure.
 - iii) Devotion
 - (1) If you're married, fall in love with your spouse and keep that love growing and glowing.
 - (2) Love God with all of your heart.
 - (3) Love your mate, not only with your romantic love, but also with God's love.
 - (4) Ephesians 5:25

- (a) The Bible tells husbands to love their wives.
 - (b) This is not a suggestion or a request.
 - (c) This is a command.
 - (i) Anything God commands us to do, we can do.
 - (ii) Behind every command of God is the omnipotent power of God to carry out that command.
 - (iii) Every command is also a promise.
 - 1. Inherent in that command is the promise of God's strength to fulfill that command.
- (5) Stay in love with your spouse; continue to love him or her day by day.
- iv) Development
- (1) Feed that love.
 - (2) You don't just fall in love; love has to be cultivated.
 - (3) Love has to be nurtured.
 - (a) Let that love grow and grow.
 - (b) If you don't love your spouse a lot more today than when you first married them, then you probably love them less.
- v) Discipline
- (1) Guard your company.
 - (a) If you're around a fast and loose crowd, saturate that crowd with your absence.
 - (b) Proverbs 13:20
 - (2) We're told 27 times in the New Testament to run.
 - (a) 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - (b) 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - (i) The way to escape sexual temptation is to get out of there, to flee fornication.
 - (3) Guard your eyes and your mind.
 - (a) Don't watch immoral movies or television programs.
 - (b) Proverbs 6:27
 - (c) You would not put garbage in your mouth, so don't put it in your mind.
 - (4) If you deliberately place yourself into temptation, then you've sinned already.
 - (5) David was undisciplined when he got into trouble.
 - (a) It was the time when kings went to war.
 - (b) David should have been at war because it was a righteous war, and God was there on his side.
 - (c) Evidently, God had given David commands, but David was doing what he ought not to have been doing.
 - (i) He was in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- vi) Determination
- (1) Psalm 57:7
 - (a) This means that it is settled.

- (i) You don't have to keep thinking about whether you're going to commit that sin or not.
- (ii) You've already made up your mind.
- (2) One big decision will help you through a lot of little decisions.
 - (a) Joshua 24:15
 - (b) "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
- (3) We realize that we're humans, and we're weak.
 - (a) So, when we've made up our minds not to commit that sin, that doesn't mean that we're operating out of our strength, but out of His strength.
 - (b) We determine not to commit that sin through His strength.
- (4) The price is too high; we love God too much than to commit that sin.
 - (a) We don't want to mess up something as beautiful and wonderful as what God has given us.
- (5) It's a wonderful thing to keep yourself pure as God intended when He made Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

7) CONCLUSION

- a) If a person has already committed this sin but is repentant of it, God is a God of a second chance.
 - i) Psalm 51:1
 - (1) David knew that for a multitude of sin, there is a multitude of mercy.
 - (a) And David was cleansed.
 - ii) Psalm 51:7
 - iii) 1 John 1:9
 - iv) 1 John 1:7
 - (1) The Bible says that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.
 - v) If someone tries to tell the forgiven person that they are not as clean, then they should be reminded of what the Lord told Simon Peter.
 - (1) Acts 10:1-16
 - (2) What God has called clean, let no man call unclean.
- b) If you're already a Christian, ask the Lord to help you hold up a standard of godliness and righteousness.
- c) If you're not saved, you can be today and have your sins forgiven and be cleansed whiter than snow.
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16