

The believers grace with consequences by lel

2Sa 11:2 And it happened one evening, David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof *he saw* a woman bathing. And the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

2Sa 11:3 And David sent and asked about the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

2Sa 11:4 And David sent messengers and took her. And she came in to him, and he lay with her. And she had purified herself from her uncleanness. And she returned to her house.

2Sa 11:5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, *I am* with child.

After David knew Bathsheba was pregnant he tried to get Uriah to go home and be with his wife to cover his own sin. But, Uriah would not go to his wife, and David decided that Uriah must die so Bathsheba could become his wife. David purposely sent Uriah into a battle condition where he would be killed. God saw all and sent the prophet Nathan to confront David. Nathan told David a parallel story describing a similar sin.

2Sa 12:1 And Jehovah sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, There were two men in one city, one rich and one poor.

2Sa 12:2 *The* rich one had exceeding many flocks and herds,

2Sa 12:3 but the poor one had nothing except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished up. And it grew up together with him and with his sons. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him like a daughter.

2Sa 12:4 And there came a traveler to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd to dress for the traveler that had come to him. But he took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man who had come to him.

2Sa 12:5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. And he said to Nathan, *As* the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die.

2Sa 12:6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

2Sa 12:7 And Nathan said to David, *You are* the man! So says Jehovah, the God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

2Sa 12:8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if that *was* too little, I would have given to you such and such *things* besides.

2Sa 12:9 Why have you despised the Word of Jehovah, to do evil in His sight? You have stricken Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

2Sa 12:10 And therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

2Sa 12:11 So says Jehovah, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your

neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

2Sa 12:12 For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.

2Sa 12:13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against Jehovah. And Nathan said to David, Jehovah also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

2Sa 12:14 Only, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of Jehovah to blaspheme, this child born to you shall surely die.

Thus David was already forgiven when Nathan accused him, however, there were earthly consequences because of his actions. Being forgiven, David was not in danger of losing his favor with God, but God allowed Satan to bring the consequences to teach David and others that sin was not condoned by God. I strongly suspect that this same pattern is followed under Christ's grace in the New Testament. Those who are Christ's can expect to be forgiven for occasional errors in judgement and are not in danger of losing Heaven, however, there will be earthly consequences to ensure that the sin is not to be repeated and to show non-believers that God will not be mocked. If, we sin we should also humbly ask God for forgiveness and acknowledge the sin before God to show that we are aware of our wrong.

Jas 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says, God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.