

# **THE SNARE OF SIN**

## **II Samuel 11**

**Let us learn from David about the snare of sin.**

### **I. THE SINFUL SITUATION**

#### **A. THE SINFUL CONDUCT (2-4)**

1. Opportunity (2)
2. Curiosity (3)
3. Immorality (4)

#### **B. THE SINFUL CONSEQUENCES (5)**

1. Pregnancy: She conceives
2. Alarm: "I'm pregnant!"
3. Fear: "We'll die"

#### **C. THE SINFUL COVER-UP (6-25)**

1. Plan "A": Manipulation
  - Make the pregnancy look honorable
  - a. Send Uriah home from battle (6-7)
  - b. Send Uriah home to his wife (8)
  - c. Send Uriah home to his wife drunk! (12-13)
  - d. Note: None of these plans worked! (9-11, 13)
2. Plan "B": Murder
  - Make the pregnant become available
  - a. Send Uriah back to battle to die (14-15)
  - b. Make Joab an accomplice to murder (16-17)
  - c. Make it look like Uriah died as an unfortunate casualty of war (18-25)

#### **D. THE SINFUL "CONQUEST" (26-27a)**

- The plan seems to have worked
- 1. Appropriate mourning (26)
- 2. Convenient marriage (27a)
- 3. A "legitimate" child (27b)

#### **E. THE SINFUL CONDITION (27c)**

1. Their thinking: "We won! Cover-up complete!"
2. Their forgetting: It was evil in God's eyes!

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## II. SOME PARTICULAR OBSERVATIONS

### A. DAVID'S TERRIBLE LACK OF CHARACTER (1-4)

- Consider how David got snared to begin with.

1. Staying Home: He forsook his obligation (1)
2. Straying Eyes: He failed to resist temptation (2)
3. Stolen Innocence: He became careless with familiar people (3)

### B. DAVID'S TERRIFIC LACK OF CONSCIENCE (6-25)

- The amazing depths of our depravity

1. His Selfishness (6)
  - The first priority is covering up not confessing
2. His Heartlessness (14)
  - Uriah carrying his own death sentence
3. His Insensitiveness (9-13)
  - Uriah's sense of duty, devotion and discipline should have pricked David's conscience
4. His Shamelessness (17, 24)
  - A careless disregard for the innocent lives of others who were killed as a result of his cover-up plan.
5. His Flippantness (25)
  - Trivializing the losses of war

### C. DAVID'S TROUBLING LACK OF CONFRONTATION

1. Suspicious servants could have confronted David
2. A complicit General should have confronted David (14-17)
3. A crying Bathsheba could have confronted David (26)
4. A compliant minister should have confronted David (27)
5. NOTE: A Commendable Christian should confront sinful behavior
  - a. God's Instructions: See Matt. 18:15-18; Rom. 15:14; I Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1; **Heb. 3:12-13**; I John 5:16 and I Thess. 5:14
  - b. No Exceptions: God forbid if we fear to intervene and protest the open sin of others. Even high profile, prominent and powerful people. See I Tim. 5:19-21 and an application of this in Gal. 2:11-14.

## CONCLUSION:

### **Some suggestions for avoiding Satan's snares:**

1. Develop a holy and overwhelming fear of God's displeasure.
2. Determine to have a consistent walk with God and resistance to sin
3. Seek out a company of Christians who will keep you accountable and confront you when necessary.

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