

In the first court, the unjust king who is supposed to be the Judge is on trial and is found guilty.

In the second court, the JUST KING who is also the TRUE JUDGE is also on trial and is found guilty of sins He has not committed.

IN the first court an undeserved pardon is received.
IN the second court no such intervention takes place.

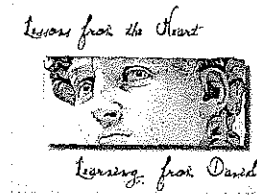
So the unjust King is pardoned, and the JUST KING is condemned.

No prophet shows up at Jesus trial and says to Pilate, "You're the man." NO one steps in to rectify the situation.

WHY?

So when we "David's" repent we can receive forgiveness because Jesus was condemned in our place.

Part 14:



Seeing God's Heart Through David's Fall

The Story of David and Bathsheba

I. The POWER of Sin

David commits ADULTERY with Uriah's wife.
Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. 2 Samuel 11:4

David MURDERS Uriah
The letter instructed Joab, "Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed." 2 Samuel 11:15

David CONCEALS his sin.
When the period of mourning was over, David sent for her and brought her to the palace, and she became one of his wives. 2 Samuel 11:27

This all done by a man who wrote this:
I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart." Psalm 40:8

What does this teach us?

The capabilities of the worst part of the human heart

So what can we learn from this truth?

you are either actively engaged in _____

or sin is actively engaged in _____

II. The SENSITIVE Use of Grace

Nathan doesn't ACCUSE

(God) sent Nathan the prophet to tell this story to David:

2 Samuel 12:1

David makes a JUDGMENT

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."

2 Samuel 12:5,6

David's judgment CONVICTS himself

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! 2 Samuel 12:7

Why didn't God just let David have it and be done with it?

Why the subterfuge?

With God as well as should be with us, when there is any hope at all of persuasion, God goes for **conviction** and **conversion** not

"Listen it absolutely glorifies God for you to tell the truth about sin but it glorifies God infinitely more if the person your telling the truth to repents." (Tim Keller)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17

That's why if your trying to break through to someone you don't come to them and just blurt, "Your the man", because all their defense mechanisms go up.

So what can we learn from this truth?

1. We all need to practice being Nathan with others.

2. We all need to have other's be _____

You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

Hebrews 3:13

III. The Assurance of PARDON

David REPENTS

Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin. 2 Samuel 12:13

How can God assure us of pardon when we've done the things we've done?

The story of two courts:
David and Nathan
Jesus and Pilate