**I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD**

2 Samuel 12:1-31 (Key Verse 13)

*Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”*

*Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.*

1. Why was it necessary for the Lord to send Nathan to David? (1a; 11:27) When he came to him, what story did Nathan tell David? (1b-4) How did the poor man treat his lamb? (3b) But what did the rich man do when a traveller came to him? (4) Why do you think the rich behaved in this manner?
2. How did David respond to this story? (5-6) But in what sense was David like the rich man? (7-9) According to God, what was David’s fundamental sin? (9-10; 14a) What was God’s punishment upon David? (10a, 11-12) What do you think God wanted David to learn through this punishment?
3. How did David respond to God’s rebuke? (13a, Ps 51:3-4[[1]](#footnote-1)) What was David’s sincere prayer? (Ps 51:1-2[[2]](#footnote-2)) What sacrifice did David offer the Lord when he repented? (Ps 51:16-17[[3]](#footnote-3)) How did God respond to David’s sincere repentance? (13b) What does this show about God?
4. Nevertheless, what would happen to his baby boy? (14) How sincerely did David plead with God for the child? (15-17) Why were David’s attendants afraid to tell David that child was dead? (18) But surprisingly, how did David respond?(19-20) Why was David acting in this way? (21-23) What does this reveal about David’s faith in God?
5. How did God show David love and forgiveness? (24-25) This time around, where did David go and what did he do when Joab sent messengers for him to muster the troops and besiege Rabbah? (26-31; 11:1) What does this teach us about repentance?

1. **Psalm 51:3-4:** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Psalm 51:1-2**: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Psalm 51:16-17** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is [***b***](https://biblehub.com/niv/psalms/51.htm#footnotes) a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)