

2 Samuel 11:2

Then it happened one evening that 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 behold.

I just recently got back from a trip to Israel. It was glorious and wonderful and would say to everyone, if you get the chance that you must go. Can't afford it? I never thought I would be able to. But after many years of praying for it, the Lord allowed it to happen. So pray and see if He supplies for you to go too.

But today's devotional is not about my trip to Israel, but rather how beautiful it is there. Now imagine that you are the king of this beautiful place, and the Lord has blessed you way beyond what you could imagine.

Now imagine that you are just hanging out, reading a book or just relaxing in your bed or your room, and you get up and walk outside onto your terrace and you are just looking at all the blessings God has given you. He has given you this beautiful country to rule over, wonderful people who love you, an awesome home with servants, and you're a killer songwriter. Anything and everything you ever could want, you have, except for what belongs to someone else. In this case someone else's wife.

That's what was going on with King David. He had it all and he was standing outside looking at all that the Lord had blessed him with. Then he saw something that the Lord had not blessed him with, yet he chose to turn his eyes away from God's blessings and focused on that one thing that God had not given to him, and that was Bathsheba, the wife of another man, named Uriah.

The same type of thing happened in the Garden of Eden.

† **Genesis 2:16** *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden you may freely eat.*

Hundreds if not thousands of trees and plants loaded with all kinds of wonderful food. Yet Adam and Eve chose to focus on one tree alone: *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*
Genesis 2:17

So what about you? Has God blessed you, and is your focus on those blessings, or are you focusing on things that the Lord has said no to?

Now I could give you all sorts of example, but you know what that one or even multiple things are that are turning your eyes away from the Lord and His blessings.

† **Psalm 119:37** *Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way.*

† Acts 14:15 *and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them”*