

Matthew 1:6

and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

In the bible, Bathsheba is always referred to as “the wife of Uriah” not “the wife of King David” even here in today’s verse, 1000 years later, Bathsheba is still referred as the wife of Uriah.

For those who do not know the story or need a reminder; King David was at home, while all the men were at war fighting for Israel and King David. King David saw Bathsheba bathing and lusted after her.

† ***2 Samuel 11:2-3 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. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"***

King David knew that she was married to Uriah, because someone told him, as we just read. Also a side note; if you read of King David’s thirty mighty men, Uriah is one of those men. So with that fleshly lust, he never thought about his men, especially Uriah, or God. So King David went ahead and slept with Bathsheba anyway. And in the process of time she became pregnant with King David’s child.

† ***2 Samuel 11:4-5 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."***

So, to try and cover his tracks, King David called for Uriah (Bathsheba’s husband) from the battlefield to come home, thinking that Uriah would sleep with his wife since he was gone for so long. But Uriah, in his integrity, chose not to since all the men were still in the battle, and he didn’t feel he should enjoy that pleasure while they were fighting for Israel and the king.

So, long story short, King David had Uriah sent back to the battle and had him put into the fiercest part of the battle, giving instruction for everyone to back off, so that the enemy could kill Uriah, which is murder. King David thought that by doing so it would cover his sin, and he could marry Bathsheba, with no one knowing about his sin of adultery.

But he was found out, because no matter how hard you try, your sin will find you out.

† **Numbers 32:23** *But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.*

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

Even though King David was forgiven, his sin was not hidden and he had to pay for it for the rest of his life, with the child, that Bathsheba had ending up dying, and one of his sons rebelling against him causing King David to run for his life, along with many more people who had to run with him.

† **2 Samuel 12:13** *So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.*

We all have sins that we committed, that even though we know we are forgiven, we still had to pay the consequences. It could be something a little as getting a speeding ticket and having to pay a fine, to getting a divorce and having your children and family and friends suffer as the results.

A person can go rob a bank or murder someone, and yes, God will forgive those who have done those things. But giving your life to Jesus is not a get out of Jail card. You still have to pay the consequences of your sin.

Something to think about before you decide to follow through with that sin this weekend, or anytime.

† **2 Samuel 12:12-14** *For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.' " So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die."*