

Responses to Sin
II Samuel 12:1-15

Introduction:

1. There is importance in studying the Old Testament (Rom. 15:4).
2. There are several responses one might have to sin.

Discussion:

- I. Sometimes we are blinded by our faults (12:1-8).
 - A. Sometimes we need someone to help us recognize the truth – Nathan was sent to David by the Lord.
 - B. Other times we are quick to judge others before looking to ourselves – Consider David’s response.
 - C. We need to be taught the message from God – Nathan was the prophet speaking to David.
 - D. Application:
 1. The preacher is stepping on your toes, but you ignore that and think of others it applies to.
 2. “The longer one lives in sin, the more they have tricked themselves into thinking they are okay.”
- II. Sometimes we fail to recognize our sins and their consequences (12:9-12).
 - A. Consider the sins of David (9).
 - B. Consider the consequences that David would face (10-12).
 - C. Application:
 1. Many ignore or don’t think about the consequences of their actions.
 2. The Spiritual Consequences (Mt. 7:21-23).
- III. Overall, we must respond with repentance when we know we are wrong (12:13-15).
 - A. Once we recognize our sins and their consequences, we must own up to them.
 - B. Even though we repent of our sins, sometimes the consequences will always be there.
 - C. Application:
 1. We must make restitution with God.
 2. We must not make excuses for our sins.
 3. Sin is sin no matter how large or small in humanities eyes.

Conclusion:

1. Do NOT deceive yourselves any longer.
2. Recognize your sin and the consequences.
3. And deal with sin by being forgiven through true repentance (II Cor. 7:10) and through the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son.