

THE END OF THE AFFAIR

Request: “Why do you think there doesn’t seem to be fear of any consequences of sexual immorality including adultery within the church today?”

This is a good question and one that I ask myself. My standard answer to myself is: “**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?**”

Our lesson text addresses this very question with two rhetorical questions. A rhetorical question is a teaching technique to evoke thought. The listener is allowed to consider the implications of his answers before giving it.

- (Prov.6:27) “Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?”
- (Prov.6:28) “Or can a man walk on hot coals, and his feet not be scorched?”

These rhetorical questions are expecting a **NO** answer. But just in case the listener might give a different answer, the writer gives doctrinal answer:

- (Prov.6:29) “So is the one who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; whoever touches her will not go unpunished.”

Common sense law illustration

- (Prov.6:30-31) “Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry; but when he is found, he must repay sevenfold; He must give all the substance of his house.”

This is to be applied to adultery

- (Prov.6:32) “The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it.”

Common sense martial illustration

- (Prov.6:33-35) “Wounds and disgrace he will find, and his reproach will not be blotted out. For jealousy enrages a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not accept any ransom, nor will he be content though you give many gifts.”

What does the Bible say will be the End of the Affair? _____

Today’s lesson will apply our lesson text to one of the most famous case of adultery committed by a spiritual mature believer in the Bible (2 Sam.11-12).

- I will assume that as a spiritual mature believer David knew that adultery violated the 7th commandment – “You shall not commit adultery.” This was an elementary doctrine (Heb.5:11-14).
- I will also assume that he knew what Job knew about sexual lust – “I have made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.” (Job.31:1, NIV)

There is a proverb that we will use in David’s adultery that says, “There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end is the way of death.” (Prov.14:12)

“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.” (James 1:14-15)

We will study two parts to David adultery with Bathsheba.

- The first part will be his plans working against God's word.
- The second part will be God's plan working against David's.

David's Plan

- 2 Sam.11:1-3 David's plan **A** – bored with plan of God in life and lustful and inquiry (Rom.13:14)
- 2 Sam.11:4 –5 David's plan **B** – take her and force sex upon her – **Problem** – she conceived
- 2 Sam.11:6-11 David's plan **C** – bring her military husband home from war and he will sleep with her and cover up David's sin – **Problem** – husband has military integrity
- 2 Sam.11:12-13 David's plan **D** – get husband drunk and send him home to wife for cover up of sin – **Problem** – military integrity.
- 2 Sam11:14-21 David's plan **E** – send husband back to front line with letter to combat General to set up attack that would result in husband's death by enemy (John 11:50)
- 2 Sam.11:22-27 David's plan **F** – give dead husband military honor as war hero and marry his wife as cover up of sin

God's Plan

- 2 Sam.12:1-9 God's plan **A** – send the prophet to the nation, Nathan, with a parable of David's sin and evil and calling (7-8) – “Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing this evil in His sight?”
- 2 Sam.12:10-15 God's plan **B** – pronounced the consequences of his sin and evil – “Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.” (12:12)
- 2 Sam.12:13-14 “And Nathan said to David, ‘the Lord also has taken away you sin; you shall not die. However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die.’”

The devil would like us to soft sell it and call adultery an affair or messing around. But when you learn the word of God as a believer, you call things by the words God not by the words of the world.

- (2 Cor.2:11) “In order that no advantage be taken of us by satan; for we are not ignorant of **his schemes**.”
- (2 Sam.12:8b) Listen to these words of God – “If that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these.”

When what God had given you isn't enough nothing will ever be enough!

- (Gal.6:7-8) “Do not be deceived, **God is not mocked**; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.”