

2 Samuel
Part #7 –
Ammon & Tamar

Incest & Infighting



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Introduction

David begins to reap the consequences of his poor judgment. Those things he had uttered unfold as troublesome events over the family.

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Key Scriptures

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. – 2 Samuel 13:1

And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her. – 2 Samuel 13:2

But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. – 2 Samuel 13:3

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Key Scriptures

And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. – 2 Samuel 13:12

And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. – 2 Samuel 13:13

Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. – 2 Samuel 13:14

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Key Scriptures

Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. – 2 Samuel 13:15

And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. – 2 Samuel 13:16

And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying. – 2 Samuel 13:19

Keys

Keywords

- Ammon
- Wrong motives
- Jonadab
- Subtlety
- Deception
- Returning good for evil
- The means to an end
- Tamar
- Innocence
- Judgment

In this lesson

Ammon and Tamar

- Definite Chief Aim
- Deception and manipulation
- Designed for fulfillment
- Drawn out justice
- Dreadful End

Definite Chief Aim

And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her. And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. – 2 Samuel 13:2,4

Strong and burning desire versus lust

- He concentrated upon a purpose
- Spoke about his purpose and intent
- Created a scenario for its attainment
- Got what he wanted but hated the outcome

Would you say he succeeded?

Definite Chief Aim - Analysis

*Success is the attainment of your Definite Chief Aim
without violating the rights of other people –
Napoleon Hill*

Deception & Manipulation

And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. – 2 Samuel 13:5

The end does not justify a crooked means

- Might of imagination
- Manipulated his father
- Misused privilege
- Means to an end
- Molested the innocent

Designed for fulfillment

Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. – 2 Samuel 13:7

We got what we asked for, really?

- So, Tamar went to her brother Ammon's house
- The trick worked! – Tamar would not be summoned any other way
- Tamar's multiple pleas!

Drawn out justice

But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. – 2 Samuel 13:21

Expression of dismay without follow through

- Causes contempt for the laws
- Causes others to justify their own interpretation of the law
- Creates a total disrespect for the law
- Precipitates chaos and revolution
- May result in a dreadful end such as death

Dreadful End

*And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet;
and he called his name Jedidiah, because of the
LORD. – 2 Samuel 9:4*

Ammon caught off guard!

- Outwitting the Trickster – v22
- Organized crime – v28
- Open rebellion left unchecked
- Ostracized in Grand Dad's house – 1 Chronicles 3:2

Summary

The Judgment of the house continues

Next Week

Absalom