

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Second Samuel twelve is the story of the confrontation of Nathan, the prophet of God, the court prophet of God to King David during his entire reign. Nathan was given divine wisdom and insight into how to present a moving story to the greatest of the nation's rulers. He needed to get the message across in such a way that God could get King David's attention and bring about repentance in David's life, forgive him and restore him to the place of usefulness. Verses 1-4 comprise the story of a man who had everything - riches, flocks - but when the need arose to entertain someone who came to visit, he did not take from all he had, but rather went to a man who lived nearby and took the only precious lamb he had, killed it, and broke the poor man's heart, robbing him of his only prize possession. In verses 5-6 it is recorded that David was so angry at the story that he shouted, "Ben Mavet!" in Hebrew, which means, the man who did this is a "Son of Death!" a Hebrew idiom for how we would say, "He is a dead man!" He went on to say that the man would pay a high price for his actions.

Verse 7 is one of the phrases quoted down throughout the

history of mankind since it was first uttered, here in this text, "You are the man!"

***"I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon."* (vv.8-9)**

Notice God said, that "David" killed Uriah, not the enemy in battle. That is, David was "responsible before God" as though he had killed him with his own hand! His sin cost him more than he wanted to pay!

Prayer and Action Steps

God sees everything we do and what is in our heart. God help us to walk in the awareness of Your Presence in our lives and keep us from sin.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
