

FIRST DAY:

- Review the lecture, Read the notes and the references

SECOND DAY:Read 2 Samuel 11:1-17**David and Bathsheba**

[11:1] In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

[2] One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, [3] and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" [4] Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home. [5] The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

[6] So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. [7] When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. [8] Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. [9] But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

[10] When David was told, "Uriah did not go home," he asked him, "Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?"

[11] Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

[12] Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah

remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. [13] At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

[14] In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. [15] In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

[16] So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. [17] When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

Question 5

Deuteronomy 17:18-20; [18] When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. [19] It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees [20] and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

1 Samuel 16:12-13; [12] So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

[13] So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Question 6

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; [9] Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

[10] If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

John 14:26; [26] **But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will**

teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Romans 8:34; [34] Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died —more than that, who was raised to life —is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

1 Corinthians 10:13; [13] No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Hebrews 4:14-16; [14] Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are —yet was without sin. [16] Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

THIRD DAY

Read 2 Samuel 11:18-27 with Psalm 32

[18] Joab sent David a full account of the battle. [19] He instructed the messenger: “When you have finished giving the king this account of the battle, [20] the king's anger may flare up, and he may ask you, ‘Why did you get so close to the city to fight? Didn't you know they would shoot arrows from the wall? [21] Who killed Abimelech son of Jerub-Besheth? Didn't a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you get so close to the wall?’ If he asks you this, then say to him, ‘Also, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.’”

[22] The messenger set out, and when he arrived he told David everything Joab had sent him to say. [23] The messenger said to David, “The men overpowered us and came out against us in the open, but we drove them back to the entrance to the city gate. [24] Then the archers shot arrows at your servants from the wall, and some of the king's men

died. Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.”

[25] David told the messenger, “Say this to Joab: ‘Don't let this upset you; the sword devours one as well as another. Press the attack against the city and destroy it.’ Say this to encourage Joab.”

[26] When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. [27] After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

Psalm 32

Of David. A maskil.

[32:1] Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

[2] Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

[3] When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

[4] For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Selah

[5] Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Selah

[6] Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

[7] You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Selah

[8] I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

[9] Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

[10] Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

[11] Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

FOURTH DAY

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-23 with Psalm 51

Nathan Rebukes David

[12:1] The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. [2] The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, [3] but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

[4] "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

[5] David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! [6] He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

[7] Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. [8] I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. [9] Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. [10] Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

[11] "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. [12] You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

[13] Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. [14] But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

[15] After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill. [16] David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground. [17] The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.

[18] On the seventh day the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, we spoke to David but he would not listen to us. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."

[19] David noticed that his servants were whispering among themselves and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked.

"Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

[20] Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

[21] His servants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"

[22] He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.'

[23] But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can

I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

Psalm 51

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

[51:1] Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

[2] Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

[3] For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

[4] Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

[5] Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

[6] Surely you desire truth in the inner parts ; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

[7] Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

[8] Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

[9] Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

[10] Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

[11] Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

[12] Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

[13] Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

[14] Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

[15] O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

[16] You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

[17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

[18] In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

[19] Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

FIFTH DAY:

Read 2 Samuel 12:24-31

[24] Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; [25] and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

[26] Meanwhile Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and captured the royal citadel. [27] Joab then sent messengers to David, saying, “I have fought against Rabbah and taken its water supply. [28] Now muster the rest of the troops and besiege the city and capture it. Otherwise I will take the city, and it will be named after me.”

[29] So David mustered the entire army and went to Rabbah, and attacked and captured it. [30] He took the crown from the head of their king —its weight was a talent of gold, and it was set with precious stones—and it was placed on David's head. He took a great quantity of plunder from the city [31] and brought out the people who were there, consigning them to labor with saws and with iron picks and axes, and he made them work at brickmaking. He did this to all the Ammonite towns. Then David and his entire army returned to Jerusalem.

Sixth Day – Review above scriptures