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1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look  
on his appearance or on the height of his stature,  
because I have rejected him.

For the LORD sees not as man sees:  
man looks on the outward appearance,  
but the LORD looks on the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:17-18

So Saul said to his servants,  
“Provide for me a man who can play well  
and bring him to me.”

One of the young men answered,  
“Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite,  
who is skillful in playing,  
a man of valor, a man of war,  
prudent in speech,  
and a man of good presence,  
and the LORD is with him.”

2 Samuel 7:11-14

“Moreover, the LORD declares to you that  
the LORD will make YOU a house.

When your days are fulfilled  
and you lie down with your fathers,  
I will raise up your offspring after you,  
who shall come from your body,  
and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name,  
and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son.”

2 Samuel 11:1

In the spring of the year,  
the time when kings go out to battle,  
David sent Joab, and his servants with him,  
and all Israel.

And they ravaged the Ammonites  
and besieged Rabbah.

But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2-3

It happened, late one afternoon,  
when David arose from his couch  
and was walking on the roof of the king's house,  
that he saw from the roof a woman bathing;  
and the woman was very beautiful.

And David sent and inquired about the woman.  
And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba,  
the daughter of Eliam,  
the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

2 Samuel 11:4-5

So David sent messengers and took her,  
and she came to him, and he lay with her.

( Now she had been purifying herself  
from her uncleanness.)

Then she returned to her house.

And the woman conceived,  
and she sent and told David,  
“I am pregnant.”

# The Tyrant's Eye





2 Samuel 12:1

And the LORD sent Nathan to David.

He came to him and said to him,  
“There were two men in a certain city,  
the one rich and the other poor.”

2 Samuel 12:2-3

“The rich man had very many flocks and herds,  
but the poor man had nothing  
but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought.

“And he brought it up,  
and it grew up with him and with his children.  
It used to eat of his morsel  
and drink from his cup and lie in his arms,  
and it was like a daughter to him.”

2 Samuel 12:4

“Now there came a traveler to the rich man,  
and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock  
or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him,  
but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it  
for the man who had come to him.”

2 Samuel 12:5-6

Then David's anger was greatly kindled  
against the man, and he said to Nathan,

“As the LORD lives,  
the man who has done this deserves to die,  
and he shall restore the lamb fourfold,  
because he did this thing,  
and because he had no pity.”

Exodus 22:1

If a man steals an ox or a sheep,  
and kills it or sells it,  
he shall repay five oxen for an ox,  
and four sheep for a sheep.

2 Samuel 12:7-8

Nathan said to David, “You are the man!

Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,

‘I anointed you king over Israel,  
and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.

And I gave you your master’s house  
and your master’s wives into your arms  
and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah.

And if this were too little,  
I would add to you as much more.”

2 Samuel 12:9-10

“Why have you despised the word of the LORD,  
to do what is evil in his sight?  
You have struck down Uriah the Hittite  
with the sword and have taken his wife  
to be your wife and have killed him  
with the sword of the Ammonites.

“Now therefore the sword shall never depart  
from your house, because you have despised me  
and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite  
to be your wife.”

2 Samuel 12:11-12

“Thus says the LORD,

‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you  
out of your own house.

And I will take your wives before your eyes  
and give them to your neighbor,  
and he shall lie with your wives  
in the sight of this sun.

For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing  
before all Israel and before the sun.”



2 Samuel 12:13-15a

David said to Nathan,  
“I have sinned against the LORD.”

And Nathan said to David,  
“The LORD also has put away your sin;  
you shall not die.

Nevertheless, because by this deed  
you have utterly scorned the LORD,  
the child who is born to you shall die.”

Then Nathan went to his house.

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The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want  
He maketh me down to lie  
In pastures green, he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by

My soul he doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en for his own name's sake

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale  
Yet will I fear no ill  
For thou art with me and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still

My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes  
My head thou dost with oil anoint  
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my days  
Shall ever follow me  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be