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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