



You the man!

1. There are several parables in the Old Testament.
2. Old Testament parables typically show God as a king, a father, a husband, and in other key ways.
3. Nathan uses this parable to expose the sin of David.

1. The problem-David attempted to conceal his sin. 2 Samuel 11

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT2) ¹³ *People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.*

1. David sent for Bathsheba.
2. David slept with Bathsheba.
3. Bathsheba became pregnant.
4. David tried to cover his sin.
5. Uriah (her husband) did not cooperate with David's plans.
6. David switched to plan B and used Uriah to carry his death sentence to Joab.
7. One really bad choice led to David breaking at least 5 of the 10 commandments.
 10. Do not covet,
 7. do not commit adultery,

8. do not steal, 6. do not murder, and
9. do not lie.

2. The parable-A rich man oppresses a poor man

2 Samuel 12:1-4 (CSBBible) *¹ So the Lord sent Nathan to David. When he arrived, he said to him: There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very large flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one small ewe lamb that he had bought. He raised her, and she grew up with him and with his children. From his meager food she would eat, from his cup she would drink, and in his arms she would sleep. She was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man could not bring himself to take one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for his quest.*

1. God sent Nathan to David.
2. Nathan tells of a story that David probably thought to be real.
3. The poor man shared everything with his sheep.
4. The sheep was like a daughter (Bat) to the poor man.

5. The rich man did not want to prepare one of his animals as a meal for the traveler, so he **took** the poor man's sheep.

3. The Proclamation-You are the man!

2 Samuel 12:5-7a (CSBBible) ⁵ *David was **infuriated** with the man and said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, **the man who did this deserves to die!**"* ⁶ *Because he has done this thing and shown no pity, **he must pay four lambs for that lamb.**"* ⁷ *Nathan replied to David, "**You are the man!**"*

1. David had often heard the **cheers** of the crowd.
2. Now, because of his sin, David's **wickedness** is being **exposed**.
3. His **blindness** toward his own actions is staggering.
4. His pronouncement of **penalty** would be performed.
4 of his sons would die tragically—the baby in the story, Amnon, Absalom, and Adonijah.
5. Nathan's statement you are the man **pierced** David's heart and revealed all that he had tried to conceal.
This charade had gone on for month but was halted with one simple statement

4. The Pronouncement-You will receive the harvest of your sins

2 Samuel 12:7-14 (NLT2) *The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. ⁹ Why, then, have you despised the word of the LORD and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. ¹⁰ From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own. ¹¹ "This is what the LORD says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. ¹² You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel." ¹³ Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the LORD by doing this, your child will die."*

1. Nathan **declares** what God had done for David.

a. **anointed** you b. **protected** you c. **provided** for you

2. Nathan declares that David has despised the word of the LORD.
3. David responded to God's favor by murdering Uriah and stealing his wife.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV) ¹¹ *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

2 Timothy 2:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ *Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."*

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV) ¹¹ *Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.*

4. **God** decreed punishment for David's actions.
- a. there would be **violence** in his home, b. there would be **rebellion** in his home,
 - c. he would be **publicly humiliated**
5. David **confessed** his sin and **his life was spared** **but** **his sin was punished**.

How will you deal with sin in your life?

- a. **conceal** it?
- b. **justify** it?
- c. **ignore** it?
- D **confess** it and **repent**?

All have sinned but God will forgive and cleanse those who confess and repent. His grace leads us to walk in righteousness.