

GIANT KILLER

Part Six: *crushed*

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Last Sunday, we looked at 2 Samuel 11 where David committed adultery then tried to hide his affair by murder. God sent a prophet to confront the backslidden king. When exposed, David confessed his sin and God forgave him. But... David's disobedience would have deadly consequences (2 Samuel 12:1-14). This morning I want to show you how David's wrong choices crushed him.

In 2 Samuel 12-17, David is crushed.

- **First, David's infant son dies from a disease. 2 Samuel 12:10-25**

Five things you need to understand when an infant dies:

1. God is sovereign over all life.
2. Sometimes God kills infants because of their parents' sin. Genesis 6; 19; Exodus 11; Deut. 2:34-20:16-18
3. Sometimes God kills infants to spare them from the suffering they will endure in life.
4. All infants go to Heaven.

The Bible teaches that all who die in infancy - as well as those so mentally incapacitated that they cannot understand the general revelation of God - go to Heaven (Romans 1:18-20). David certainly believed that infants go to Heaven (2 Samuel 12:19-23).

5. God is just; he always does what is right. Genesis 18:25

- **Tamar is raped. 2 Samuel 13:1-22**
- **David's first-born son is murdered. 2 Samuel 13:23-14:33**

David's third son Absalom murders Amnon for raping his sister Tamar. David was so angry at Absalom for killing his first-born son and heir to his throne that he refused to speak to Absalom for five years!

- **Absalom leads a rebellion against his father. 2 Samuel 15-17**

Absalom takes over the palace in Jerusalem, has sex with his father's concubines on the palace roof, and gathers Israel's army to kill his father.

- **Absalom is killed. 2 Samuel 18**

David was heartbroken when he learned of Absalom's death because he knew his sin of adultery and murder had caused his sons to think they could get away with adultery and murder.

Some questions to ask yourself this week...

1. Are you taking your sin seriously? You should because God is!
2. Are you trying to be a good example for your children?
3. Do you believe God is just and always does what is right?