



**Adult Sunday  
School at the  
sanctuary**

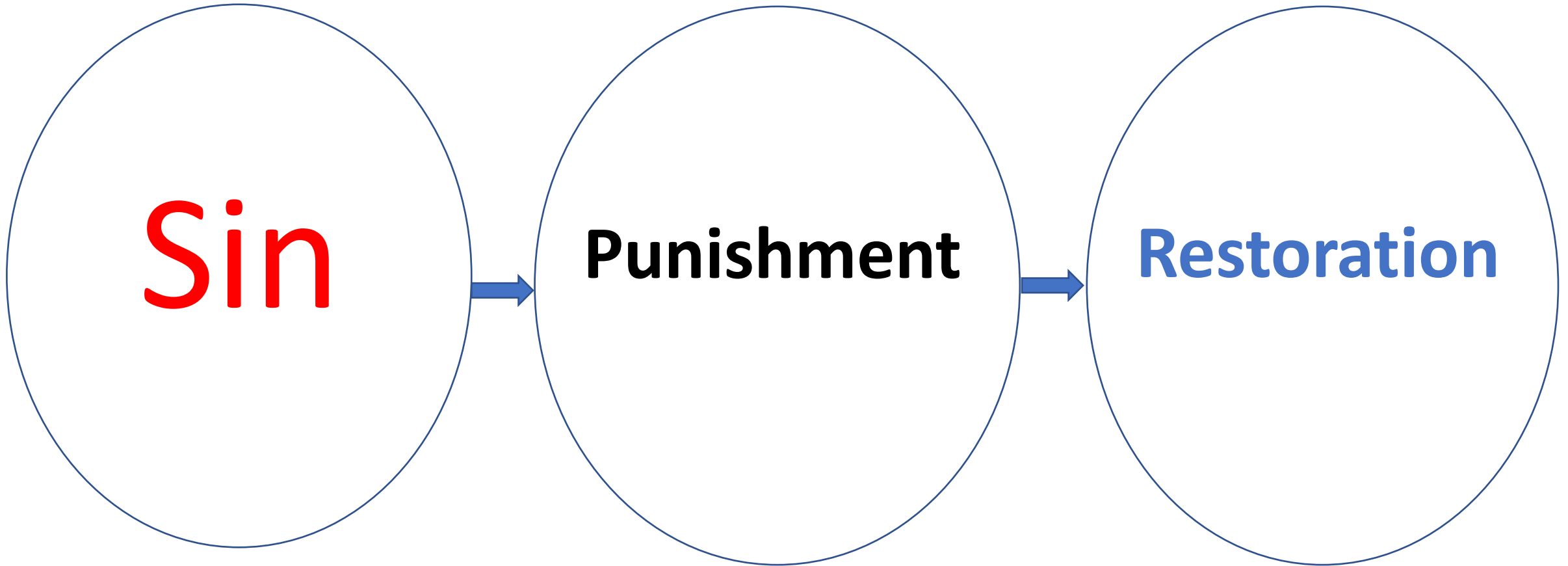
**Lesson-12:** Nathan  
rebukes David

**Date:**  
25 Sep 2022  
(Sunday)

**Time:** 9.40am

**Venue:** Sanctuary

# God's dealing with men for their sin



# Lesson 12- Nathan rebukes David

- (1) Background: Uriah was killed in battle after David gave orders for Uriah to be sent to the battle front. David intended Uriah to be killed in battle.
- (2) After Uriah's death, David married Bathsheba.
- (3) The murder and adultery displeased God.

(4) God sent prophet Nathan to rebuke David. (2 Sam 12: 1-13)

- Story of rich man who took the only ewe lamb of a poor man.
- David said that the rich man should be punished by paying the poor man four times the price of the ewe lamb.
- Nathan told David that David was the rich man who had taken the ewe lamb (Bathsheba) from the poor man (Uriah).

- David had done evil despite God's goodness to him:
  - God made David king of Israel.
  - God delivered David from Saul.
  - God would have given David more (v.8b)
- David's evil:
  - Murdered Uriah
  - Adultery with Bathsheba

(2 Sam 12:9)

- God's punishment on David:
  - David's wives would be given to another close to David. (2 Sam: 11-12)
  - David and Bathsheba's infant son would die. (2 Sam 12:14)
  - In fact, David's 4 sons died:
    - infant son
    - Amnon
    - Absalom
    - Adonijah

“he shall restore the lamb fourfold...”(2 Sam 12:6).

- The punishment was severe. This serves to remind all of us not to sin against God.

## (5) Watch video David (1997)

1:34:30-1:37:18

Viewers are cautioned of inaccuracies in the video.

Source: The Bible Collection: King David (1997)

- Notice that David did not deny his sin. But, confess it immediately. Some of us when confronted with our sin would deny and give justification.
- Question: In the video, what did David say about the rich man's compensation of the lamb to the poor man? What does the bible say?

## (6) Spiritual Lessons

(a) God punishes people for their sins. Examples:

(i) Saul (1 Sam 15:23)

(ii) David (2 Sam 12:11-12)

Although David was a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14), he was still a sinful man.

"A man after God's own heart" means a man who would fulfil all the desires of God's heart. David will do everything God wants him to do.

(iii) Moses (Numbers 20:9-12)

(iv) Solomon (1 King 11:9-11)



(b) We must also turn away from sins:

(i) lies

(ii) pride

(iii) lust

(iv) jealousy

(v) hatred

(vi) unforgiveness

(vii) etc...

(c) Your sins will find you out (Numbers 32:23) : This means our sins will bring its own punishment.

(i) Secret sins – Nobody knows but God knows. Eg David's sin of murder and adultery.

- God dealt with David for his secret sin in Psalm 32:3-5.

(ii) Sins consist of sins of deeds, thought and speech.

(iii) Be careful what you see and think. Eg pornography

(d) What we must do after committing a sin:

(i) No one is sinless and we will fall into sin at one time or another.

(ii) Repent and seek God's forgiveness with a broken spirit and contrite heart (Psalm 51:17). (David's plead to God for forgiveness for adultery and murder - Psalm 51)

(iii) God will forgive. But there may be consequences.

(e) What we must not do after committing a sin:

Make excuses for sin:

- (i) Many people are doing it eg jaywalking, white lies. This is lowering ourselves to man's standard.
- (ii) Nobody knows and nobody is hurt by it.
- (iii) For the sake of convenience
- (iv) LGBTQ – peer pressure
- (v) Gambling – peer pressure
- (vi) Refuse to admit the sin but instead find fault with the person correcting you for the sin. (2 Chronicles 16:7-10)

## (f) Purposes of Punishment for sins

(i) For believers: As a father punishes his children because he loves them and wishes to reform them.

(Hebrews 12:4-6)

(ii) Good to be afflicted – Psalm 119: 67, 71.

(iii) For non-believers: As judgment against non-believers.

(Revelations 20:15)

(g) Time of punishment may be in this lifetime and the next (non-believers).

(h) Sometimes, we think there's no punishment for the unbelieving wicked people. They seem to be doing well. (Psalm 73)

Contemplate:

(A) Our past sins, punishment and restoration.

(B) How does above answer help us to live an obedient life to God.

Questions?