

## After God's Own Heart

Although David was very faithful in his youth (by faith he faced & killed Goliath) he did some unfaithful things when he became king (funny how power & money often does that to good people). Yet we know he was a man after God's own heart (**Acts 13:22**).

King David saw Bathsheba from his room and desired her. He committed adultery with her. When he learned that she was going to have his child, he tried to cover up his guilt. King David called Bathsheba's husband, Uriah the Hittite, from the battlefield. He pretended he was only interested in a report from the battlefield, but his real intention was to get Uriah to go home to Bathsheba. This would make everyone believe that the child was Uriah's. However, Uriah refused to go home! He slept at the door of David's house! He was so loyal his fellow soldiers that he felt guilty being home with his family while they were sleeping in the open field. David realized that he could not get Uriah to go home to Bathsheba by reasoning with him. He invited him to dinner and purposely got him drunk! Surely Uriah would forget about his loyalty if he were drunk! He did not forget. He did not go home!

David wrote a letter to the General of the army, Joab, and gave it to Uriah to take back to the battlefield. David knew Uriah would not read the letter! The letter said, "*Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die!*"! Joab obeyed the king. Uriah was killed in battle.

The prophet, Nathan, came to David and told him there were two men in one city. One was rich and the other was poor. The rich man had many flocks and herds, but the poor man had only one little lamb which was a pet to the children. It was more like part of the family! The rich man stole the little lamb and cooked it for one of his guests. This made David angry and he said, "*As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die...*"

Nathan replied, "*Thou art the man!*"

David was faced with his own sin! He was an adulterer, a liar, a cheat, and a murderer! David confessed his sin and repented! **He was a man after God's own heart!** No wonder he wrote these words: "*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*"   **Psalm 32: 1-2**