

## 10/26/03 – “KING DAVID’S TREACHERY”

When God came looking for Adam & Eve after they sinned they were wearing fig leaves to cover themselves

Many of us are walking around with fig leaves trying to cover things that **can’t be hidden** from God

God clothed our first parents with animal skins - The skins represented the covering of Jesus Christ that comes through His shed blood

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins – Hebrews 9:22

Being nice, thoughtful, kindhearted, never saying a bad word will not get rid of your sin, or get you to heaven

The only way to heaven is through the Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world – **He has forgiven us**

A “fig leaf” mentality will make you defensive, angry, touchy, blame shift, hard to be around, easily find fault with other people

Blame shifting can be a very wicked when taken to the extreme; it leads to manipulation, self-deception & bitterness

Deception is thinking you are right & justified when you are actually wrong – Deception calls evil good & good evil

It is very possible for all of us to be deceived – We need to be circumspect & make sure we are walking in the light

### **II Samuel 11 – Story of David’s sin with Bathsheba (deception) (cover-up)**

Vs. 1 – David was in the **wrong place** at the **wrong time** for the **wrong reasons**– He did not go to battle with his men

Vs. 2 – When he saw Bathsheba bathing, he initiated an adulterous plan resulting in pregnancy

David begins a deep betrayal of conspiracy, lies & murder...Sin deepens if we don’t confess

David had Uriah ( Bathsheba’s husband) called home from battle – David needed a plan to hide his adultery & betrayal – A cover-up

David goes from a simple plan of deception to a complex murder conspiracy – A downward spiral of sin makes us desperate to deceive

Uriah was murdered & it was made to look like he was a battle casualty – David mourned – “As if his heart went out to Uriah & his men”

The thing David did was evil in the sight of the Lord – We never really get away with anything - A man’s sin will find him out

God used Nathan to expose David’s treachery - David forgiven but sword would never leave his house

### **Psalms 51 – Prayer for Pardon from a Penitent King**

David wrote Psalm to ask for forgiveness - **Blot, wash, cleanse me** – It is **against You & You only** that I sinned – When we sin we sin against God

David wants truth in his innermost being, **purge me, purify me, make me whiter than snow**

He appeals to God – Create in me a clean heart – don’t make it again – I need something that was never there – our Creator creates

Let almighty God create that in you... **a new heart**...Renew a steadfast spirit – let that which was there come alive again

Don’t cast me away from Your Holy Spirit – like Cain, like Saul...**Restore** the joy of my salvation **sustain** me with a willing spirit

Then I will teach transgressors your ways & sinners will be converted to Thee – Open my lips to declare Thy praise...

### **Getting a Right Attitude Instead of Religious Attitude**

Don’t say I will forgive but I won’t forget – That’s the same as saying I won’t forgive – Keeps you in control

We are to be like Jesus & when He forgives He removes our sin **as far as the east is from the west**

Remember, **forgiveness costs you** – You & I bear the pain & hurt of the other person’s sin & offences against us

When we forgive, the offender is released; we turn them over to God & **we let go!** – **we let go!**

Forgiveness is a **decision of your will** not your feelings – It is a volitional choice that overrules feelings of hurt, anger & injustice

If you’ve been deeply hurt, you must forgive at the same depth... True forgiveness brings true release

Forgiveness is the bridge we all must cross everyday of our lives – and is to be heartfelt & sincere

**“And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”** – Ephesians 4:32