

My Last Tear

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2 Sam 12:14-24

¹⁴ Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, **the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.**

¹⁵ And Nathan departed unto his house. And **the Lord struck the child** that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and **it was very sick.**

¹⁶ David therefore besought God for the child; and **David fasted**, and went in, and **lay all night upon the earth.**

¹⁷ And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, **to raise him up** from the earth: **but he would not**, neither did he eat bread with them.

¹⁸ And it came to pass **on the seventh day**, that **the child died**. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: **how will he then vex himself**, if we tell him that the child is dead?

¹⁹ But when **David saw that his servants whispered**, David perceived that **the child was dead**: therefore David said unto his servants, **Is the child dead?** And they said, **He is dead.**

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²⁰ Then **David arose** from the earth, and **washed**, and **anointed himself**, and **changed his apparel**, and came into the house of the Lord, and **worshipped**: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

²¹ Then said his servants unto him, **What thing is this that thou hast done?** thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

²² And he said, While the child was yet alive, **I fasted and wept**: for I said, **Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?**

²³ But **now he is dead**, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? **I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.**

²⁴ And **David comforted Bath-sheba** his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: **and she bare a son**, and he called his name Solomon: and **the Lord loved him.**

- David was a man of passion; driven by his desire for intimacy. He is known in the scripture as, 'the man after God's own heart'.
- He is the most noted king of all time; and throughout the remainder of the kings of Israel, their reign is often compared to David's.
- David is the noted psalmist of Israel, a skilled musician, a prophet of God, and an extreme worshipper. He pursued the presence of God and longed for God's holiness.
- Although David was a man of worshipper and praise, he was also a rugged man of war. He was vigorous in battle; a giant slayer; he hung out with the outcast of society; formed them into an organized band of warriors; lived on the lam; but, yet, he was a man of God.

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- He was noted for having many successes in the scripture; he returned the Ark of God back to Israel; he set order for the worship of God; and he unified the nation of Israel under one banner.
- Even though he is noted as such a great king, he yet had some flaws. He made some mistakes; he committed some transgressions; but, unlike Saul, David understood the importance of taking responsibility for sinning and knew how to quickly repent for his sins.
- In today's passage, we read of the consequence of one of David's worst transgressions noted in the Bible, in which one sin and lie led to a multitude of transgressions.
- The child that was a result of the illegal and adulterous union of David became sick and eventually died.
- Sometimes, you do not immediately pay for the sins that you commit; sometimes your judgment is delayed.
- Whenever God speaks, His words do not just affect your immediate situation, they also work on your future life and prosperity.
- It was at least a year since David's transgression with Bathsheba; having Uriah killed by the Ammonites; trying to hide the impregnation of the woman that was a result of this illegal union.
- God was the source of this illness. She bore David this child while still being Uriah's wife.
- The child, which is nameless in the scripture, stood as a reminder of their sin; a reminder of their failure; a remembrance of David's murderous plot.
- Yes, the child was nameless, just like some of our iniquities, nameless. We may not be able to name everything that we have

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done wrong and some of those things still remain nameless, but we can be assured that God will deliver and forgive us of all of our nameless sins.

- David, like many of us, was emotionally attached to this child, even though he knew that God's hand was against him.
- God is not just concerned about how we represent Him, but He also wants what we produce to stand as a product of His blessings and not as a product of our fleshly accomplishments.
- Your fleshly actions will cause those who are not saved to blaspheme God; they will cause them to see God in a negative light. God does not like to be misrepresented. Therefore, the child died.
- But, today, this is where my attention lies and I would like to give focus. While the child was sickly and on its death bed, David fasted, prayed, wept sorely, and cried out to God for the child's deliverance.
- But, when David heard that the child was dead, he brushed himself off and refreshed himself and, my paraphrase said, "This is my last tear that I will shed about this matter; I won't cry about this any further; it's time to go on."
- Some of you get stuck on the errors of your past; you are crying over some things that God has already delivered you from and has forgiven you for. My admonition to you is, refresh yourself, brush yourself off, and tell your problem, 'This is my last tear; I won't cry over you anymore.'
- Some of you cannot go forward, and no one will ever go forward, still holding onto and crying over your past.

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- So what, you made a mistake, or many mistakes; God is faithful to forgive you of all of your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.
- Stop crying over your wrong; God forgave you of them back on Calvary. Repent and go forward.
- In my closing, note that David is not found in this predicament anymore. He is never recorded of doing the same error over and over again.
- Don't allow your sins to become a pattern in your life. Don't hang around your failures, but move towards success and to those things that pleases God.
- After David got himself together, married Bathsheba, she bore him another son, named Solomon. Solomon's name means peaceful; he was a representation of a covenant of peace God made with David.
- If you learn to stop crying over your sins, you will walk in the favor of God. He is the God of Peace; Jesus is the Prince of Peace.
- He came to give you peace; to restore His favor in your life; and to bring you back into proper alignment with His purpose for your life.
- Let your last cry be your last tear.