

“FINDING A LASTING (HIS) STORY” Series

Message #4 of 5

“Bathsheba’s Destination”

*This life is filled with all kinds of hurts and pain,
but God’s final destination for us is healing, wholeness
and a life spent in His glorious presence forever.*

2nd Samuel 11:1-27 – 12:1-25

Proverbs 31:10-31

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1. BATHSHEBA’S ABUSE – *“David sent messengers to get her.”* (2nd Samuel 11:4)

- *“In that society’s governmental system, the King was the absolute authority. If Bathsheba was summoned to the King’s palace, then she came to the palace or risked execution for defying the King.”* – Daniel F. Case “David and Bathsheba: Sin, Cover-up, Condemnation, and Restoration”

2. BATHSHEBA’S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – *“Bathsheba conceived and sent word to David saying, ‘I’m pregnant.’”* (2nd Samuel 11:5)

- *“The thing David had done displeased the Lord.”* – 2nd Samuel 11:26

3. BATHSHEBA’S MOURNING – *“When Bathsheba heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.”* (2nd Samuel 11:26)

- *“At other times it feels like being mildly drunk, or concussed. There is a sort of invisible blanket between the world and me. I find it hard to take in what anyone says. Or perhaps, hard to want to take it in. It is so uninteresting. Yet I want the others to be about me. I dread the moments when the house is empty. If only they would talk to one another and not to me.”* – C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

4. BATHSHEBA’S HEALING – *“Have mercy on us O Lord, according to your unfailing love.”* (Psalm 51:1)

- *“I would have expected the embarrassed and disgraced Bathsheba to tell David that he could just stay on his side of the palace, and that she never wanted to lay eyes on him again.”* – Daniel F. Case “David and Bathsheba: Sin, Cover-up, Condemnation, and Restoration”
- *“... to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* – Luke 4:18-19

5. BATHSHEBA’S RECOVERY – *“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me ... to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who grieve, and to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.”* (Isaiah 61:1a, 2b-3b)

- *“The one (Jesus) who is in you is greater than the one (the Devil) who is in the world.”* – 1st John 4:4
- *“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”* – Romans 8:37
- *“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed.”* – 2nd Corinthians 4:8a

6. BATHSHEBA’S PRAISE – *“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise in the city gate.”* (Proverbs 31:30-31)

- *“Let me show you (Bathsheba) how you can save your own life and the life of your son Solomon.”* 1st King 1:12
- Bathsheba’s son praises her – Proverbs 31:10-31 ... a remarkable honor by both David and Solomon!
- *“David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been **Uriah’s wife (Bathsheba)**, Solomon was the great-great-grandfather of ... Joseph, the husband of **Mary**, of whom was born **Jesus**, who is called **Christ**.”* – Matthew 1:6b, 16