**2 Samuel 11** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+11/)

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**David and Bathsheba**

11 In the spring of the year,

 the time when kings go out to battle,

 David sent Joab,

 and

 his servants with him,

 and

 all Israel.

 And

 they ravaged the Ammonites

 and

 besieged Rabbah.

 But

 David remained at Jerusalem.

2 It happened,

 late one afternoon,

 when David arose from his couch

 and

 was walking on the roof of the king's house,

(NIV: One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace.

中文和合本: 一日，太陽平西，大衛從床上起來，在王宮的平頂上遊行，

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 一日，太陽平西，大衛從他的床上起來，在王宮的平頂上走來走去, (04904: 名詞，單陽 + 3 單陽詞尾, bed 34, bedchamber + 02315 4, couch 1, misc 7; 46; https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/11/2))

 that he saw from the roof a woman bathing;

 and

 the woman was very beautiful.

3 And

 David sent

 and

 inquired about the woman.

 And

 one said,

 “Is not this Bathsheba,

 the daughter of Eliam,

 the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

4 So David sent messengers

 and

 took her,

 and

 she came to him,

 and

 he lay with her.

 (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.)

 Then she returned to her house.

5 And

 the woman conceived,

 and

 she sent

 and

 told David,

 “I am pregnant.”

6 So David sent word to Joab,

 “Send me Uriah the Hittite.”

 And

 Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him,

 David asked how Joab was doing

 and

 how the people were doing

 and

 how the war was going.

8 Then David said to Uriah,

 “Go down to your house

 and

 wash your feet.”

 And

 Uriah went out of the king's house,

 and

 there followed him a present from the king.

9 But

 Uriah slept at the door of the king's house

 with all the servants of his lord,

 and

 did not go down to his house.

10 When they told David,

 “Uriah did not go down to his house,”

 David said to Uriah,

 “Have you not come from a journey?

 Why did you not go down to your house?”

11 Uriah said to David,

 “The ark

 and

 Israel

 and

 Judah dwell in booths,

 and

 my lord Joab

 and

 the servants of my lord are camping in the open field.

 Shall I then go to my house,

 to eat

 and

 to drink

 and

 to lie with my wife?

 As you live,

 and

 as your soul lives,

 I will not do this thing.”

12 Then David said to Uriah,

 “Remain here today also,

 and tomorrow

 I will send you back.”

 So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day

 and

 the next.

13 And

 David invited him,

 and

 he ate in his presence

 and

 drank,

 so that he made him drunk.

 And

 in the evening

 he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord,

 but

 he did not go down to his house.

14 In the morning

 David wrote a letter to Joab

 and

 sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 In the letter

 he wrote,

 “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting,

 and then

 draw back from him,

 that he may be struck down,

 and

 die.”

16 And

 as Joab was besieging the city,

 he assigned Uriah to the place

 where he knew

 there were valiant men.

17 And

 the men of the city came out

 and

 fought with Joab,

 and

 some of the servants of David among the people fell.

 Uriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent

 and

 told David all the news about the fighting.

19 And

 he instructed the messenger,

 “ When you have finished telling all the news about the fighting to the king,

20 then,

 if the king's anger rises,

 and

 if he says to you,

 ‘Why did you go so near the city to fight?

 Did you not know

 that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth?

 Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall,

 so that he died at Thebez?

 Why did you go so near the wall?’

 then you shall say,

 ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’”

22 So the messenger went

 and

 came

 and

 told David

 all that Joab had sent him to tell.

23 The messenger said to David,

 “The men gained an advantage over us

 and

 came out against us in the field,

 but

 we drove them back to the entrance of the gate.

24 Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall.

 Some of the king's servants are dead,

 and

 your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.”

25 David said to the messenger,

 “Thus shall you say to Joab,

 ‘Do not let this matter displease you,

 for the sword devours now one

 and

 now another.

 Strengthen your attack against the city

 and

 overthrow it.’

 And

 encourage him.”

26 When the wife of Uriah heard

 that Uriah her husband was dead,

 she lamented over her husband.

27 And

 when the mourning was over,

 David sent

 and

 brought her to his house,

 and

 she became his wife

 and

 bore him a son.

 But

 the thing

 that David had done

 displeased the Lord.