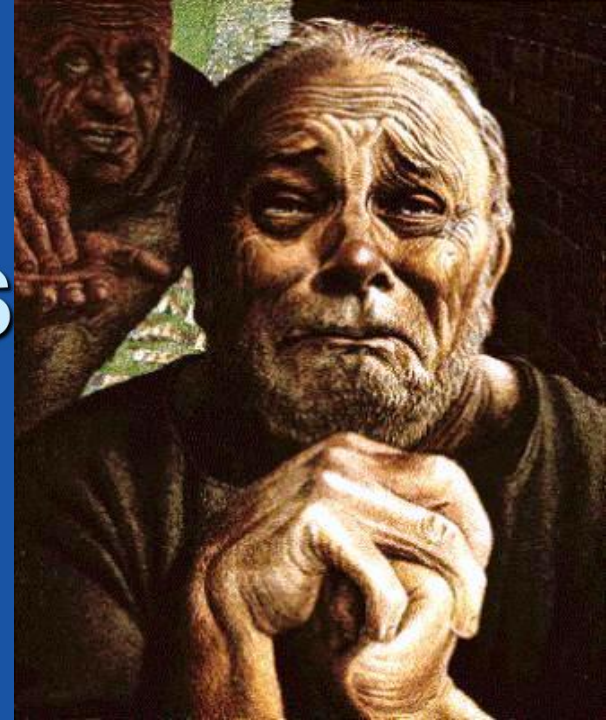


FORGIVEN, BUT NOT IMMUNE FROM SIN'S EARTHLY CONSEQUENCES



- David was forgiven by grace, but his life and his government would never recover from his immorality
- **PATTERN:** Believers are still treated in the same way as was David
- False doctrine of no divinely directed repercussions for our sin has caused many Believers to walk away from God when it happens !



DEBT IS OWED ON 2 LEVELS



DEBT
PAID !

HEAVEN AND THE
SPIRITUAL WORLD

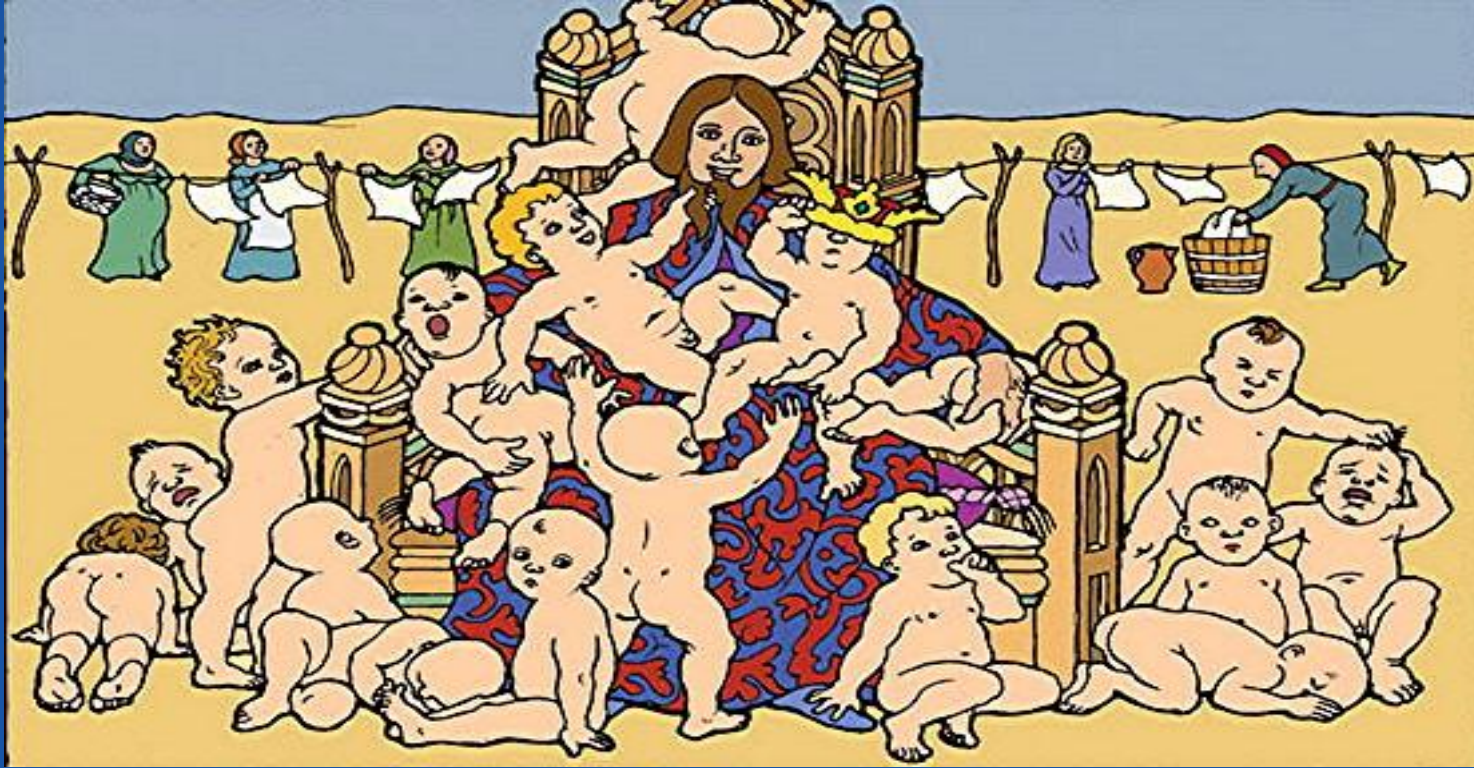
← SPIRITUAL REALM →



PENALTY
STILL DUE



← PHYSICAL REALM →



- About the 20th year of David's reign
- David was self-indulgent and indulgent of his children
- David's children had seen mostly his bad side
- Context of 2nd Samuel 13 is the great competition and positioning for succession to David's throne among his family

AMNON, TAMAR, AND ABSALOM



- Amnon was the firstborn
- Absalom 2nd in line (due to having royalty on both sides of his family)
- Tamar was a political pawn
- *Avishalom* and Tamar were brother and sister, with the same mother *Maacah*
- When it comes to David, Rabbinical teachings about his life are often contrary to the Bible
- Goal of trying to make Amnon, Tamar, and Absalom to have different mothers is to reduce blame on David



A TALE OF SEXUAL OBSESSION

- Amnon had no interest in Tamar as a wife to start a family
- A virgin was a young girl, never married, living at home, had never had intercourse
- Amnon knew he couldn't approach Tamar due to the laws of incest and marriage
- Amnon had the same character flaw as David
- The Lord handed down proportional justice upon David by allowing Amnon to do essentially the same thing with Tamar that David had done with Bathsheba



LOVE-SICK AMNON

- *Yonadav*, a cousin, devises a plan to help Amnon
- Amnon was to pretend to be sick
- David would come to visit his ill son, and Amnon would ask for his sister to come and fix him some food
- 2 Sam. 13:5 ..*et Tamar ahot...ahv...ahi...ahni...ohev*
- Dramatic and desperate words drive David to tell Tamar to go to Amnon



TAMAR MAKES HEART-CAKES



- Tamar lived in a separate area of the City of David, reserved for the royal virgins
- The virgins wore an especially lovely and modest uniform
- **Lev** = heart
- **Levav** = made cakes
- **Levivah** = heart cakes
- These were NOT heart shaped, rather they were a “comfort food”

AMNON SPRINGS THE TRAP

- It was King David who facilitated Tamar going to Amnon
- David is used as the unwitting messenger
- Amnon asks Tamar to bring the cakes into his bed chamber
- Amnon suddenly grabs Tamar, and Tamar tells him “NO!”
- All the sin of what would happen now falls on Amnon



AMNON WOULD NOT BE DENIED HIS CONQUEST

- In such situations the only hope of averting disaster is the woman taking control (if possible)
- While a woman's hormones can be emotional and frustrating, a man's can be criminal!
- Tamar's concern was for the consequences
- Amnon's concern was for his own personal gratification



AMNON'S LUST TURNS TO HATE



- After he's through with her, Amnon orders her to leave
- She begs to stay saying her shame would be even greater
- Perhaps she thought David would allow them to marry even though it was against the Law
- *Ishah* = woman
- *Et-zot* = this one

THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND INCEST



- Deut. 22:13 – 29
- The penalty against a man for having sex with a virgin is usually financial (though not always)
- But for a woman hers was a life-long calamity
- Lev. 18:6-12 says Tamar cannot marry her half brother
- Tamar is an outcast

THE BLOODY KETONETH

- Tamar was wearing her virgin's robe at the time of being molested
- ***Ketoneth*** = Tamar's robe and Joseph's coat of many colors
- Blood smeared on Joseph's coat
- Blood on Tamar's coat testified to her no longer being a virgin

