

Pursuing God's Heart: Payday 2 Samuel 12-18

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Every action has a consequence. It's inevitable. You cannot escape it. God's Word says plainly: "A man reaps what he sows." Galatians 6:7b.

King David sowed some serious sins in his life.

Now the sprouts are rising and it isn't pretty.

God's Word continues: "The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction..." Galatians 6:8a.

King David experienced this destruction in his family, just as prophesied, and from his experience we understand a...

Big Idea: **After the Lord's forgiveness** **consequences remain!**

Payday has come to King David and it is extremely painful and destructive to him and his family –

just as God's Word promised:

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."

Galatians 6:7a

Think about your own life:
when payday arrives what do you have coming?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have the Holy Spirit in us.

As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can resist our sinful flesh and say "no" to temptation.

When we do, God's Word makes us this promise:

*"...the one who sows to please the Spirit,
from the Spirit will reap eternal life."*

Galatians 6:8b

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Are You Ready to Follow Jesus?

Good questions to ask yourself:

- ↪ Do you believe in God?
- ↪ What do you think He wants from you?
- ↪ Would it surprise you that God wants a relationship with you that starts now and lasts forever?

Here is a simple way to understand it:

God created us to be with Him.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Genesis 1-2

Our sins separate us from God.

We all have broken God's laws and our relationship with Him is broken. Romans 5:12

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.

All sins must be punished for God to be the just Judge. Romans 3:20

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

He lived the perfect life and took the punishment we deserve. Romans 5:6-8

Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.

Admit you have sinned, ask God to forgive you, and trust that Jesus died for you! Romans 10:9-10

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

We are a new person spiritually. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Think about it:

- ↪ Does this make sense to you?
- ↪ Do you have any questions?
- ↪ Is there anything holding you back from putting your faith in Jesus right now?

Then talk to the Lord about your commitment:

Dear God, I know my sins have broken my relationship with You and nothing I could do could ever change that. But right now, I believe that Jesus died in my place and rose again from the dead. I trust in Him to forgive me for my sins. I accept Your offer of an eternal relationship with You and want to follow Your plans for my life. Amen.

Now connect with others who are following Jesus, too!