

I. The Reason for This Consideration is to Understand the Reality and Nature of Sin

- A. Experience is not always the best teacher
- B. A wise man receives instruction from the Word of God

II. Lesson 1: Sin is Complicated and Intermeshed

- A. Sin is never alone
 - 1. Very often the trap for sin is sin
 - 2. David's sin was a whole series of sins
 - 3. The trap for one sin is found in the sin before
- B. No sin is private
 - 1. One sin affects conduct in other areas
- C. No sin is insignificant

III. Lesson 2: The Way of the Transgressor is Hard – Proverbs 13:15

- A. This is not dependent upon the sinner
 - 1. The way was hard for Saul
 - 2. The way was hard for David
- B. The only escape from the 'covering sin cycle' is confession and cleansing
 - 1. There is a blessed relief in repentance
 - 2. The cycle stops
 - 3. The conscience is cleansed
- C. Psalm 32:3

"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long."

Assignment:

*Read 2 Chronicles 1-9.
Note how the Lord particularly blessed Solomon.
Note also how Solomon's ambitions led to the kingdom of Israel being divided.*

IV. Lesson 3: What a Man Sows That Shall He Also Reap - Galatians 6:7

- A. This principle is associated with a warning against deception**
 - 1. Satan tries to deceive at this point because lasting damage can be done
- B. Consider the diabolic temptation: “The Lord will forgive you”**
 - 1. Half the truth about sin
- C. Fruit**
 - 1. David should have died for his sin
 - 2. David’s son dies
 - 3. Sword enters the family
 - a. Amnon’s adultery
 - b. Absalom’s murder
 - c. Absalom’s rebellion
 - d. Absalom’s death
 - 4. Note David’s lament (2 Samuel 18:33)
 - 5. Sheba’s rebellion

V. The Lord Cleanses Those Who Turn From Sin – I Samuel 12:1-15

- A. Nathan comes with the story of the stolen sheep**
- B. David is enraged by the man’s behavior and says, “The man who has done this deserves to die”**
- C. Nathan replies, “You are that man!”**
- D. David admits, “I have sinned”**
 - 1. David acknowledges what he did
 - 2. David acknowledges what he deserves
- E. Nathan says, “The LORD has taken away your sin”**
- F. *When you have sinned the only thing to do is to return to God in repentance and seek forgiveness***