

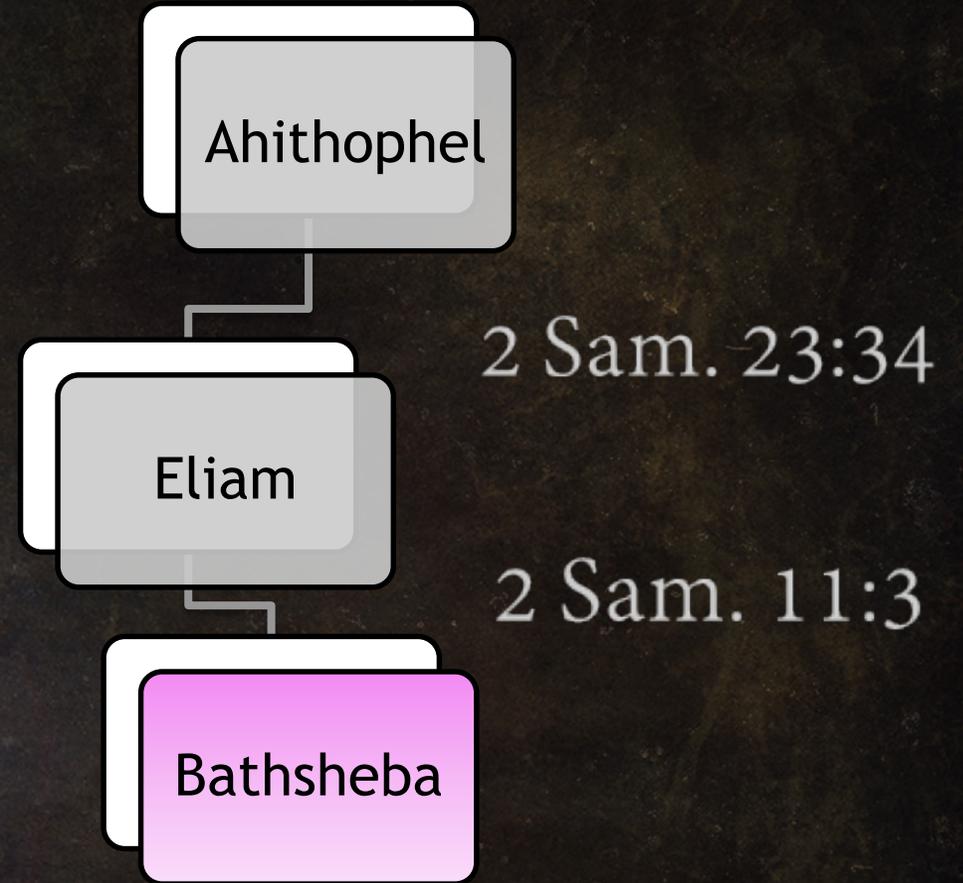
VEILED CONSCIENCE

2 SAMUEL 11:8-15

1. Coveted
- 2 Sam. 11:1, 2

2. Committed
- 2 Sam. 11:3-5

3. Covered
- 2 Sam. 11:6-15



VEILED DECEPTION

2 SAMUEL 11:1-15

Proverbs 6:32, 33

32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding;
He who does so destroys his own soul.



33 Wounds and dishonor he will get,
And his reproach will not be wiped away.

lacks understanding

destroys soul

wounds

dishonor

reproach

“And David said to Uriah, ‘Go down to your house and wash your feet.’ So Uriah departed from the king’s house, and a gift of food from the king followed him.”

2 Sam. 11:8



Self-indulgence *Versus* Self-control



2 Samuel 11:9-11



Psalm 55:20, 21

“He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart; His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.”

DRINK!

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DRINK THE POISON?



Proverbs 23

31 Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, *When* it swirls around smoothly;

32 At the last it bites like a **serpent**, And stings like a **viper**.

33 Your eyes will see strange things, And your heart will utter perverse things.



Veiled Conscience



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A Messenger of Death

14 In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.”

(2 Sam. 11:14, 15)

“My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword.”

Psalm 57:4

DAVID

(Beloved)

A Judean

A mighty warrior

Exercised self-restraint

Thoughtful of the ark

Thoughtful of Israel and Judah

Thoughtful of his fellow soldiers
and commanding officer

A faithful messenger

DAVID

WAS A MAN

AFTER GOD'S

OWN HEART

URIAH

(Jehovah is my light)

A Gentile

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URIAH

BECAME

EVERYTHING

DAVID ONCE

WAS

DAVID'S Snowball of Sin

1. Idleness
2. Looking
3. Coveting
4. Despising
Commandment
5. Stealing
6. Adultery
7. Drinking
8. Deception
9. Premeditation of Murder
10. Murder

“Sin will take you farther than you ever expected to go; it will keep you longer than you ever intended to stay, and it will cost you more than you ever expected to pay.”

2 Samuel 11:26, 27

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when her 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.

What all sin does!

Lacking Conscience & Reflection?

The tremendous benefit of feeling guilt:

- **Required for the Holy Spirit to “convict”**
 - John 16:8
- **Enables one to hear**
 - Exod. 7:13
- **Enables one to see his error**
 - 2 Samuel 24:10
- **Enables one to repent and be forgiven**
 - 2 Cor. 7:10; Acts 2:37, 38; 1 John 1:9

Self-condemnation After Reconciliation?

The tremendous danger of feeling
false guilt:

*The feeling of condemnation and
failure after receiving forgiveness*

“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13)

“But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out” (Num. 32:23)

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