
SERMON OUTLINE

Sobered and Surprised by God
(David and God – Part 4 of series)
2 Samuel 12:14-31

Background: David confessed his sin and God forgave him (2 Samuel 12:1-13).

- I. God's sobering discipline (2 Samuel 12:14-19)
 - A. God's glory – David's son would die because David's sin tarnished God's glory (12:14).
 - The greatest cost of a believer's sin is the harm it does to God's reputation.
 - God sometimes disciplines to uphold his reputation among unbelievers.
 - B. God sovereignty over life – David pleaded with God for his son, but he died (12:15-19).
 - God's sovereignty over life is unknowable.
 - Sincerity does not guarantee answers to prayer.
- II. God's surprising grace (2 Samuel 12:20-31)
 - A. God's comfort – David worshipped and was comforted after his son died (12:20-23).
 - David worshipped God after his son died.
 - David accepted God's will and was comforted.
 - ✓ Do children who die go to heaven? David's comfort suggests he expected to see his son again (Psalm 23:6; Jonah 4:11; Romans 7:9).
 - B. God grace to restore – God again blessed repentant David (12:24-31).
 - God gave David and Bathsheba another son (Solomon) whom God loved (12:24-25).
 - God restored David's honor by giving him victory over the Ammonites (12:26-31).