

## YOU ARE A SINNER TOO

2 Samuel 12:13 “David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

2 Samuel 12:13 records Nathan the prophet of God, coming to King David to confront him about his adultery with Bathsheba and his murder of her husband Uriah. Nathan told a parable of a rich man with a large flock of sheep, stealing a pet lamb, the only one owned by a poor man. David told Nathan the rich man should be put to death for his sinful action. Nathan then looked David in the eye and said to him, “You are the man.” David then said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Yahweh did not put David to death for his sins of adultery and murder. After David recognized his sin, repented, and confessed his sins to Nathan, Nathan announced to him God’s absolution, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

Have you said to yourself after reading this devotion and the previous four devotions, they have all been about sin and God’s forgiveness? Christmas is just a couple of days from now. Shouldn’t the devotions be focused upon the birth of Christ rather than upon sin?

The reality is, these devotions have focused upon the coming of Jesus into the world. Why did He come? He came, as the Angel announced to Mary and Joseph, as the “saving one.” Jesus came because His Heavenly Father in love sent Him to “take away the sins of the world.”

As David needed to be confronted about his sins, so do you. Until Nathan told David the parable of the rich man stealing the poor man’s pet lamb, David had apparently given little or no thought to what he had done being sins against God. How easy it is for you to rationalize your behavior, ignore your sins, dismiss your rebellion against God. The truth is, however, you also “are the man.” Daily you sin. Daily you are in need of the forgiveness Jesus was born to earn for you through His life, death and resurrection. This is what the birth of Jesus is all about.

Prayer: O Lord, I too am a poor miserable sinner. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory, Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.  
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