

# The Fall of a Great Man

2 Samuel 11

**Introduction:** In recent years there are many Christian leaders who were well-respected, who had tremendous influence, who also were not what they portrayed themselves to be.

*Luke 12:2-3; Galatians 6:7*

**Key Truth:** Beware of underestimating the sin that lurks in your heart.

*1 Corinthians 10:12, "...let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."*

"Temptations...put nothing into a man, but only draw out what was in him before." - John Owen

*James 1:14*

## I. The Seedbed of Sin

*2 Samuel 5:12-13; Deuteronomy 17:14-17*

### A. Acceptance of Cultural Norms

1. Sinful lust can never be completely satisfied.
2. God's Word, not human culture, determines morality.

*1 John 2:15*

### B. Neglect of Duty

### C. Abuse of Power

The key word in this chapter is "sent," used twelve times.

## II. The Stumbling Blocks to Sin

### A. The Truth

*Psalms 119:11*

"To rationalize is to allow my mind to find reasons to excuse what my conscience knows is wrong." - Denny Burk

### B. Rebuke

1. Uriah's Obedience to God's Law
2. Uriah's Reverence for God
3. Uriah's Loyalty to his Fellow Soldiers

*Psalms 59:5, 12; Malachi 2:14-16*

"Our greatest problems are never around us; they are in us." - Bob Wood  
Indwelling sin humbles us in our awareness of its presence.

*Galatians 6:1*

*Psalms 11:4, "The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man."*

Don't let gifted leaders take your eyes off the Lord!

*1 John 1:9*

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ enables God to be just in forgiving undeserving sinners.