

# Seven Deadly Sins

## Lust

He who is without sin, let him throw the first stone! *John 8v7*

### 1. Defined **desiring what God forbids**

put off... deceitful lusts (NIV: desires) *Ephesians 4v22*

flee youthful lusts (NIV: the evil desires of youth) *2 Timothy 2v22*

abstain from fleshly lusts (NIV: sinful desires) *1 Peter 2v11*

the lust of the eyes *1 John 2v16*

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even to be with her.

She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" *Genesis 39v7,10,12*

### 2. Analysed **tempted - dragged away and enticed – sin – death**

13 When tempted, no-one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. *James 1v13-15*

### 3. A case history **tempted - dragged away and enticed – sin – death**

Chapter 11

<sup>1</sup>In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

<sup>4</sup>Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home.

<sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup>So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David.

<sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.

<sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him.

<sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

<sup>10</sup>When David was told, "Uriah did not go home," he asked him, "Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?"

<sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

<sup>12</sup>Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

<sup>13</sup>At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

<sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.

<sup>15</sup>In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and die."

<sup>16</sup>So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were.

<sup>17</sup>When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

<sup>18</sup>Joab sent David a full account of the battle.

<sup>26</sup>When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup>After the time of mourning was

over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD

#### Chapter 12

<sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

<sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.

<sup>11</sup> "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.'

<sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel."

<sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

<sup>14</sup> But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die." *2 Samuel 11v1-12v14*

I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. *Matthew 5v28*

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person – such a man is an idolater – has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no-one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. *Ephesians 5v5-6*

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. *1 Corinthians 6v9-10*

#### 4. Tackled

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *1 Corinthians 6v11*

*He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me. Charles Wesley*

"I have sinned against the LORD."

"The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. *2 Samuel 12v13*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. *Psalms 51v1-4*

The grace of God that brings salvation... teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions...  
*Titus 2v22*

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. *2 Timothy 2v22*

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. *Psalms 63v1*