

Death and Dying

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I. Introduction

A. Our Goal

1. Respond to the death of a loved one biblically
2. Respond to the knowledge of our own death biblically
3. Acknowledge again the supremacy and sufficiency of the cross and empty tomb
4. To be certain of your eternal destiny
5. To commit again to the proclamation of the Gospel

B. Our text for today

1. David – II Samuel 12
2. Stephen – Acts 7
3. Thief on the cross – Matthew 27 and Luke 23

II. David, Bathsheba, Uriah, Nathan and a Baby

A. David: His sins – II Samuel 11

1. Adultery: The pain and the penalty far out way the pleasure – vs. 1-6
2. The cover up: Bring home Uriah, kill Uriah – vs. 7-27
3. David's cover up regret – Psalm 32

B. David, Nathan and Confession

1. A tough assignment for Nathan – II Samuel 12:1-12
2. David's confession – v. 12:13
3. David's prayer – vs. 14-17
4. David's response to the child's death – vs. 18-23

III. Steven: How to Die Biblically – Acts 7

A. His crime: He properly identified Jesus and mankind – vs. 1-53

B. Their response – vs. 54; 57-59a

C. His response and the Godhead's response – vs. 55,56, 59, 60

1. Conviction of the Holy Spirit – v. 54
2. Filling of the Holy Spirit – v. 55

3. The support and honor of Jesus the Son – vs. 55, 56, 59

4. The prayer of Stephen – vs. 59, 60

a. *"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit"* – v. 59

i. See Luke 23:46

b. *"Lord, do not hold this against them!"* – v. 60

i. See Luke 23:34

IV. The Thief on the Cross – Matthew 27 and Luke 23

A. He properly identified himself – Luke 23:40, 41a

B. He properly identified Jesus – Luke 23:41b

C. He said and asked for the right things – Luke 23:42

D. He got what he asked for – Luke 23:43

V. Conclusion