

# Nathan's Parable

- I. The Parable
  - A. 2 Samuel 12:1-4
  - B. Nathan tells of a poor man with one lamb that was loved by the family.
  - C. A rich man with many flocks and herds receives a traveler.
  - D. The rich man takes the poor man's lamb instead of using one of his many.
  
- II. Backstory
  - A. 2 Samuel 11:1 – David sent his troops to battle but he stayed home.
  - B. 2 Samuel 11:2-5 – David commits sin with Bathsheba.
  - C. 2 Samuel 11:6-9 – Uriah would not go home while Israel was still fighting.
  - D. 2 Samuel 11:14-15 – David made sure that Uriah died in battle.
  
- III. Reaction
  - A. 2 Samuel 12:5-6 – David reacted to the parable with anger towards the rich man.
  - B. 2 Samuel 12:7 – You are the man.
  - C. 2 Samuel 12:8-12 – God's judgement on David.
  - D. 2 Samuel 12:13 – David's realization.
  
- IV. Lesson For Us
  - A. John 9:4 – We must work while we can.
  - B. Romans 12:17-21 – In David's case, several wrongs do not make a right.
  - C. Matthew 7:1-5 – We must judge our actions as severely as we do others.
  - D. Sin can be forgiven, but there are still consequences.