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Today's Word: adultery

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Are You:

- Attending Church Meetings Regularly?
- Magnifying Your Callings?
- Presenting God with a Humble and Contrite Spirit?

Today's Scriptures

2 Samuel 11-12
Psalm 51

Next Week

Lesson 25:
"Let Every Thing
That Hath Breath
Praise the Lord"
Psalms

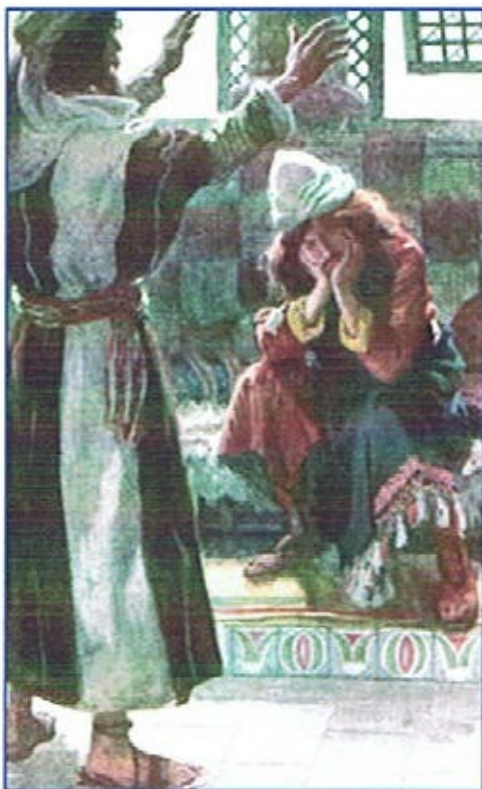
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Questions to Ponder

- What might lead people to be tempted to commit sexual sins?
- What happens when we try to cover or hide our sins?
- How can we apply David's repentant example to our own lives?

It's Never Too Late to Repent

"The discouraging idea that a mistake (or even a series of them) makes it everlastingly too late, does not come from the Lord. He has said that if we will repent, not only will He forgive us our transgressions, but He will forget them and remember our sins no more. . . . Repentance is like soap; it can wash sin away. Ground-in dirt may take the strong detergent of discipline to get the stains out, but out they will come" (Elder Boyd K. Packer, *Ensign*, May 1989, 59).



Lesson 24: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

President Gordon B. Hinckley:

"On Mount Sinai the finger of the Lord wrote the law on tablets of stone. "Thou shalt not steal" (Ex. 20:15). There was neither enlargement nor rationalization. And then that declaration was accompanied by three other commandments, the violation of each of which involves dishonesty: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." "Thou shalt not bear false witness." "Thou shalt not covet." (Ex. 20: 14, 16, 17)

Was there ever adultery without dishonesty? In the vernacular, the evil is described as "cheating." And cheating it is, for it robs virtue, it robs loyalty, it robs sacred promises, it robs self-respect, it robs truth. It involves deception. It is personal dishonesty of the worst kind, for it becomes a betrayal of the most sacred of human relationships and a denial of covenants and promises entered into before God and man. It is the sordid violation of a trust. It is the selfish casting aside of the law of God, and like other forms of dishonesty, its fruits are sorrow, bitterness, heartbroken companions, and betrayed children.

Brothers and sisters, the Lord requires his people to be honest. May we desire with all our hearts to be honest in all our relationships and in all the things that we do. God will help us if we seek the strength that comes from him. Sweet then will be our peace of mind and our lives" ("We Believe in Being Honest," *Ensign*, Oct. 1990, 2).

Psalm 51: 10-12
"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

Today's Word origins:

"Voluntary violation of the marriage bed," the word adultery comes from Latin word *adulterare* meaning "to corrupt or spoil," to contaminate by mixing something foreign or improper into a pure substance. Found in virtually every society, the taboo against adultery appears to be universal.