

David's Consequences (12:10-12, 14)

- He will reap what he has sown.
- His household will be filled with immorality and violence (brother raping sister, brother killing brother, son taking father's concubines publicly)
- He will pay fourfold—4 sons will die (unnamed baby, Amnon, Absalom, Adonijah).

2 Samuel 13

Lesson 9: Rape / Incest Murder / Revenge

1 Samuel 13:1 (Christian Standard Bible)

- Some time passed. David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar, and David's son Amnon was infatuated with her.

- Deut. 27:22 Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or of his mother.
- Lev. 20:17 If there is a man who takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he bears his guilt.

Chiasmus in the Story of Amnon and Tamar

- A. Amnon in love with Tamar (13:1–2)
- B. Intervention of Jonadab (13:3–5)
- C. Tamar's arrival (13:6–9a)
 - D. Amnon's servants ordered to leave (13:9b)
 - E. Amnon's command to Tamar to come to bed with him; her unavailing plea (13:10–14a)
 - F. Amnon's rape of Tamar; the turning of love to hatred (13:14b–15a)
 - E'. Amnon's command to Tamar to depart; her unavailing plea (13:15b–16)
 - D'. Amnon's servant recalled (13:17)
- C'. Tamar's departure (13:18–19)
- B'. Intervention of Absalom (13:20)
- A'. Absalom's hatred for Amnon (13:21–22)

Tamar's Four "No's" (13:12)



- No, my brother
- Do not violate me
- Such a thing is not done in Israel
- Do not do this disgraceful thing!

Tamar's Rational Appeals (13:13)

- Her lasting humiliation
- His ruined reputation
- The possibility of marriage



2 Samuel 13:15a (literal translation)

- A. Then Amnon hated her
- B. with a hatred
- C. great
- D. exceedingly;
- D'. indeed,
- C'. great
- B'. was the hatred
- A'. with which he hated her.

Shakespeare's Sonnet 129

Th' expense of spirit in a waste of shame
Is lust in action; and till action, lust
Is perjured, murd'rous, bloody, full of blame,
Savage, extreme, rude, cruel, not to trust;

Shakespeare's Sonnet 129

Enjoyed no sooner but despisèd straight;
Past reason hunted; and, no sooner had,
Past reason hated, as a swallowed bait,
On purpose laid to make the taker mad:

Shakespeare's Sonnet 129

Mad in pursuit, and in possession so;
Had, having, and in quest to have, extreme;
A bliss in proof, and proved, a very woe;
Before, a joy proposed; behind, a dream.
All this the world well knows; yet none knows well
To shun the heaven that leads men to this hell.



Tamar's Grief Expressed (13:19)



- Ashes on her head
- Torn garment
- Hand on her head
- Loud weeping



Lessons:

1. We should warn our daughters about the dangers of sexual assault.
2. We should teach our sons to respect and protect women.
3. We should correct our children and help them to understand that their actions have consequences.
4. We should model biblical love in our homes.