

David succeeded Saul as king and became one of the greatest kings in the history of Israel. He united the tribes into one nation, secured possession of the land that had been promised to his people, and set up a government based on God's law. However, the last 20 years of his personal life were marred by the consequences of his sinfulness.

- What did David do that led him to commit adultery? (See 2 Samuel 11:2–4.) What might lead people to be tempted to commit sexual sins? What can we do to avoid being tempted to commit sexual sins?
- What more serious sin did David commit in an attempt to hide his immorality? (See 2 Samuel 11:14–17.) From whom do you

think David thought he could hide his sin? How do people try to cover up sins today? What happens when we try to cover our sins?

In a psalm to the Lord, David expressed a desire to help others repent, saying, “I [will] teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Psalm 51:13). Even though David forfeited his exaltation because he arranged the death of Uriah, we can learn from his repentant attitude as he sought forgiveness for the sin of adultery. His words in Psalm 51 teach many aspects of true repentance. As you study the psalm, look for ways that you can apply David's repentant example to your life.

Additional reading: 2 Samuel 2–10.

“Let Every Thing That Hath Breath Praise the Lord”

Psalms

Study the scriptures discussed here and as much of the book of Psalms as you can.

The book of Psalms is a collection of poems originally sung as praises or petitions to God. Many were written by David. This book is like a hymnal from ancient Israel.

Many psalms prophesy of Christ's mission as the Messiah. Note the fulfillment of the following prophecies about Christ that are written in the book of Psalms:

<u>Prophecy</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>
Psalms 69:20	Mark 14:32–41
Psalms 22:7–8	Matthew 27:39–43
Psalms 22:16	Mark 15:25

<u>Prophecy</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>
Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35
Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:31–32; 13:34–35

Read the following psalms that express gratitude to the Savior for his mercy, forgiveness, and love: Psalms 23; 51; 59:16; 78:38; 86:5, 13; 100:4–5; 103:2–4, 8–11, 17–18.

Read the following psalms that teach the importance of trusting in the Lord: Psalms 4:5; 5:11; 9:10; 18:2; 56:11; 62:8; 118:8–9.

Read the following psalms about the temple: Psalms 5:7; 15:1–3; 24; 27:4; 65:4; 84:1–2, 4, 10–12; 122; 134.