



Caught in the act

February 4, 2019

1 SAMUEL 12:1-7- NIV - (1) The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. **(2)** The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, **(3)** but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. **(4)** “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” **(5)** David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! **(6)** He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” **(7)** Then Nathan said to David, “**You are the man!** This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

How often do we look at somebody else and address their negative plans or doings and even how they acted on them? The first thing I want to do with this meditation is to remind us to look at ourselves first! What did you plan? Did you act out on your plan? Yes, David did. And I want you to recognize something that many of us miss out on while we remind the other person how guilty they are, and that is God knew our plan before we ever existed. God will execute consequences for our wrong behavior and God has already exposed us! You see, we are so focused on who saw me and therefore, I got away with it. But God saw and heard what we planned! God saw what we did and we have a tendency to believe we will get away free. How deceived we can be!

The **plan** of David is in **1 Samuel 11:1-24**. The **exposure** of David is in **1 Samuel 12:1-7** and the **consequences** are in **1 Samuel 12:13-18**. God saw it all! God knows it all! Repent now, before your situation gets worse! Just remember, before the first wrong doing we committed, we were already caught in the act!

P.S. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MEASURE THE SIN! SIN IS SIN IN HIS EYES!

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 6:2

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Be an organ donor. Give your heart to God.