

God Also Has a Mirror!

Our mirrors have limited use: they only reflect what is on the outside. But God is also interested in what goes on inside us. He wants us to also look at our lives so that we can make the necessary changes if things are not in order. For this reason, He has a “mirror” that He would like us to look into. What does God’s mirror look like?

2 Samuel 12 (parable)

¹The 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. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but 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.

Tension: David is on the red carpet

⁴Now 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.’ ⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.’ ⁷Then Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man . . . ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

Relief of tension: David confesses

¹³Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’

Result: David is forgiven

Nathan replied, ‘The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

¹⁴But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.’ (NIV)

David could hide the fact that he had committed adultery with Bathsheba from everybody but God. The Lord took out His “mirror” so that David could see his inner self. The mirror was in the form of a parable of a rich man who took away a poor man’s only lamb and slaughtered it. At first David reacted to the parable with fury, but then the prophet pointed out that he was the guilty one. David recognized himself in the mirror and did not try to refute what he saw. He confessed his sins! God expects us to do just that! David writes about this in Psalm 51:6 “You desire truth in the inner parts” (NIV).



Lord, I confess that I am not always honest and that I do not always want to confess my guilt!

When looking for faults use a mirror, not a telescope.
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