

Amnon's Lust Led to Death

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **James chapter 1**, we read-

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust has conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. If ever there was a story in the Bible that depicts this, it is in **2 Samuel 13**. It went from lust to loathing. Absalom, the son of David, had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar. Amnon, the son of David, loved her. That meant Tamar was a half sister. Amnon was so troubled that he felt sick for his sister, Tamar, for she was a virgin. Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend. . . . Watch your friends. This was no good, this friend. . . . **whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very subtle man - that means crafty.** Who do you think of? You think about **Genesis 3:1- . . . the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.** He's the one who came and tempted Eve in the garden.

Back to **2 Samuel 13** —

4 He (Jonadab) said to Amnon, Why are you, the king's son, so lean and weak-looking from day to day? Will you not tell

me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my half brother Absalom's sister.

5 Jonadab said to him, Go to bed and pretend you are sick: and when your father David comes to see you, say to him, Let my sister Tamar come and give me food and prepare it in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick: and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, I pray you, let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.

7 Then David - *this is King David* - sent home and told Tamar, Go now to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him. .8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was in bed. . And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked them.

9 She took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Send everyone out from me. So everyone went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food here into the bedroom, so that I may eat from your hand. So Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them into the room to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she brought them to him, he took hold of her and said, Come, lie with me, my sister.

12 She replied, No, my brother! Do not force and humble me,

for no such thing should be done in Israel! Do not do this foolhardy, scandalous thing!

13 And I, how could I rid myself of my shame? And you, you will be [considered] one of the stupid fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray you, speak unto the king, for he will not withhold me from you.

14 But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her. This story is repeated worldwide. There is nothing in this to gloat about. An innocent girl was taken and she was abused. She stood and testified there could have been a way for them to have been married that he could legally have had her, but no, his lust was such that he couldn't wait; He was consumed with his own lust! But notice what happened. After the lust, after the bubble had burst—

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that his hatred for her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up and get out!

16 But she said, No! This great evil of sending me away is worse than what you did to me. But he would not listen to her.

17 He called the servant who served him and said, Put this woman out of my presence now, and bolt the door after her.

Then we read in **verse 22-**

22 . . . Absalom -Tamar's brother - hated Amnon because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 **And it came to pass after two full years, that . . . Absolom invited all the king's sons.** And had only Amnon killed. All the brothers were there, but he made sure somebody killed Amnon. **(Verse 28.)**

For it clearly says in **James 1:15: Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.**

Lust is not of God; love is. Oh, turn from **lust**, which only **bringeth forth death**. Love Jesus and let Him love through you.

In Jesus' Name. Amen