

## “THE CHILD DIED”

### INTRODUCTION

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:18**

*“Then on the seventh day it came to pass that the child died.”*

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11**

Provides background to events surrounding the death of David’s child.

### I. SIN HAS ITS CONSEQUENCES

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:1-19**

The death of this child was the direct consequence of David’s sin.

**B. Galatians 6:7; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:2**

Some think they can sin with impunity. Nevertheless, sin carries grave consequences.

**C. Numbers 32:23**

Sin cannot be successfully hidden from God’s sight.

**D. Psalm 51; 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:13-14**

1. David confessed his sin and requested forgiveness, but the child still died.
2. The consequences of sin often persist even following forgiveness.
  - a. A convicted murderer may be forgiven, but still face the punishment of death.
  - b. A man may be forgiven for drunkenness, but if he cripples himself in an auto accident, he won’t regrow a limb.
  - c. One can be forgiven for unscripturally divorcing a spouse, but the right of remarriage will not be available.

## II. CHILDREN ARE SPIRITUALLY SECURE

### A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:19-23**

David's statement "*I shall go to him*" (23) indicated that he expected to eventually be reunited with his son. One who dies in infancy is not separated from God, but rather brought to Him.

### B. **Luke 18:16; Matthew 18:3**

Children Are Not Born Sinners

### C. **Ezekiel 18:19-20; Galatians 6:5**

Sin cannot be inherited because we are responsible for our own actions.

## III. THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH

### A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:23**

Based on David's remark "*I shall go to him*" we also understand that the child went to a destination where he could be reunited with his father.

### B. **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:1-2; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Luke 16:19-31**

Man possesses an immortal soul

### C. **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:23; Hebrews 9:27**

David said, "*He shall not return to me.*" Therefore, we know that reincarnation is impossible.

## IV. STRENGTH FROM GOD

### A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 12:20**

David had strength to face life even in the face of tragedy.

### B. **Psalms 121; 46:1-2**

God provides that strength.