

## THE SINS AND SORROWS OF DAVID

II Samuel 12:9, 10; 18:1-15



David was rich, and was dearly loved by his people, so it seemed as if now, at last, he ought to be perfectly happy. When he was living in a cave with Saul's army hunting him, he was so full of love to God that even then he was happy. But now, when he was a rich, great king, one day he forgot about God and did something very wrong. When God's prophet showed him that what he had done was really wrong, he was sorry, but he never could forget about it, although

he told God about it and was forgiven.

When David became king of all Israel, he had a little son named Absalom. Probably as a little boy Absalom was more beautiful than any of his brothers, for the Bible speaks of his wonderful beauty when he grew to be a man. He lived in a palace with servants to wait on him, and he grew up having his own way about almost everything, so, of course, before long, he began to get into trouble. Once he had to go away from Jerusalem for a long time, and that grieved David.

When he came back, David was glad, but he would not have been glad if he had known what Absalom was doing. He was trying to get to be king! He began to try to get all