

Protected by Thorns

II Samuel 11:1

I. Story of David and Bathsheba

- While the kings go out for battle, David stays home and is introduced to Bathsheba
 - David commits adultery with Bathsheba and looks to have her husband Uriah killed
 - Nathan the prophet comes to David with a story and reveals, “You are the man.”
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II. Importance of Crown

II Samuel 12:26–29 (Meanwhile)

- Crowns represent authority and dominion
- Crowns represent power over territories

David lost the battle at Rabbah, but David walked away with the crown.

How does David get to walk away with a crown from a battle that he personally lost?

III. Crown of Righteousness

II Timothy 4:7

- We are able to wear the crown of righteousness because of the crown He wore.

Psalms 51:1–7

IV. Thorns

- Prophesied by Abraham with the Ram in the thicket.
- The thorns were a representation of the curse of sin.

Genesis 3:17

While the crown of thorns was placed on Christ head for humiliation, Christ was showing the world that He was taking the curse of man's sin upon his own head.

His Kingdom was established to have dominion over sin and death.

V. Protected by Thorns

- Thorns have a purpose. They protect roses and food from predators.
- In the same way, the thorns still protect us today

Job 1:9–10

There is a hedge of protection around your mind and life today.