

Nathan Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why did Nathan immediately answer David to do what was in his heart when David asked about building a Temple?

If a person or organization has a good track record of material and spiritual success, can we assume that all their plans will continue to be good?

Might it be hard to criticize a prominent leader?

Was the news that David's line would reign forever more important than getting the right to build the Temple?

Is it significant that David focused on that?

When the LORD revealed to Nathan that David had made Bathsheba pregnant, then arranged her husband's death, what do you suppose went through his mind?

Is it sometimes hard to believe that good people we know are capable of doing evil?

How should this affect the way we pray for Christian leaders?

Did it take courage for Nathan to come to David with the story he was given by the LORD?

Imagine his emotions, from fear he might be killed on the spot to experiencing the anguish of delivering the news that David's family would experience disaster.

Might Nathan have thought, "I could have prevented this by reminding him of his duty to the army"?

Was it a relief that Nathan was able to tell David, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die"?

Might Nathan have felt that he should resign from the ministry after that incident?

Are leaders responsible for the failings of their followers?

Was the fact that Nathan continued to be involved in the work of the LORD important to him?

He later had to tell David that Adonijah was performing sacrifices and declaring himself king. David authorized Nathan and Zadok the priest to declare Solomon king and the authority of those two men turned the tide. Was it important to Nathan to be involved in the proper royal succession?