

YOU ARE THAT MAN

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Based on 2 Samuel Ch 12 vv 1-14 and leading to the writing of Psalm 51.

CAST

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

David

Nathan

Rich man

Poor man

Visitor/Lamb seller

Narrator 1 This is the story ..

Narrator 2 .. of a story..

N1 told by Nathan the prophet..

Nathan steps forward.

N2 .. to King David

David steps forward.

N1 There were two men..

Two men step forward.

N2 Began Nathan..

N1 Living in a certain city.

N2 One of them was rich..

Rich man produces fat cigar.

N1 While the other was poor.

Turns out pockets.

N2 The rich man had many cattle and sheep.

Strides to front as if inspecting flock.

N1 While the poor man had just one baby lamb, which he had bought. He took care of it, and it grew up in his home with his children. He fed it

with some of his own food, he let it drink from his cup and he held it in his lap. It was like a daughter to him.

During this poor man gets lamb from 'lamb seller', pays for it, feeds from plate, gives drink from cup, nestles in lap etc.

N2 One day a visitor arrived at the rich man's home. *(Enter visitor)* He wanted to show hospitality to his visitor by preparing a meal for him. *(Shows visitor to seat but looks flustered about food)* But he didn't want to take one of his own animals. Instead he seized the lamb belonging to the poor man and served that instead. *(Grabs lamb from poor man. Then fawns over visitor serving food, etc))*

N1 This made the poor man very sad.
(Poor man looks down cast)

N2 Hearing this story, David was very angry with the rich man. "The man who has done this deserves to die", he raged. "For having done such a cruel thing, he must pay back four times as much."
(David paces up and down. Ends up holding up four fingers and looking at audience.)

N1 "You are that man!" said Nathan to David.
(Nathan approaches David from side. Points at him accusingly with finger)
"God made you king over Israel. He saved you from Saul. He gave you a palace to live in, and many wives. And yet – you stole the much loved, and only, wife of Uriah the Hittite. And you arranged for his death.

N2 David was sad; the story had had its effect. "I have sinned against the Lord," he said.
(David sinks to his knees)

N1 "The Lord forgives you", said Nathan, "but the way back is not going to be easy."
(Nathan puts his hand on David's shoulder)

N2 "I think I need to write a Psalm," said David.
(Poor man gives David a feather and some paper)

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