**Teaching Point:** The story of David and Bathsheba encapsulates the theology of sin. The connection needed to grasp this story is offered in the story of Adam and Eve. The circumstances and the characters change, but one is directly related to the other. The lessons are timeless and applicable to all of our lives today.

I. The **stage for sin** offers an important lesson.

A. “Where are you?” David was not where he needed to be any more than Adam and Eve were.

B. Being in the wrong place at the wrong time is a critical spiritual lesson to heed.

II. The **script** **for sin** offers an important lesson.

A. Note that “fruit” comes in all shapes and sizes – an apple, compared to a lady bathing.

B. The sounds of sin sound hauntingly familiar – different words don’t necessarily make a different script.

III. The **solution for sin offered by** **man** teaches us an important lesson.

A. Timeless adages offer us sage advice here.

1. *“The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.”* Robert Burns, “To a Mouse.”

2. *“O what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.”* Walter Scott, “Marmion.”

B. The character of God and His providence shine through this story.

1. *“The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord orders his steps.”* Solomon, “Proverbs”

2. *“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”* David, “Psalms”

IV. The **solution for sin** **offered by** **God** is the only solution for guilt and shame.

A. In Psalm 51 David expounds the only solution for sin.

B. In the New Testament, Paul expounds the reality of cancelled sin.

1. *“It is no longer I who sin …”* Paul, “Romans”

2. *“The spirit is against the flesh and the flesh is against the spirit…”* Paul, “Galatians”

Hymn on Reverse Side

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

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| **1.** My hope is built on nothing less  Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  **3.** His oath, His covenant, His blood  Support me in the whelming flood;  When all around my soul gives way,  He then is all my hope and stay. | **2.** When darkness veils His lovely face,  I rest on His unchanging grace;  In every high and stormy gale,  My anchor holds within the veil.  **4.** When He shall come with trumpet sound,  Oh, may I then in Him be found;  Dressed in His righteousness alone,  Faultless to stand before the throne. |

**Refrain:**

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sane.