**2 Samuel 16** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+16/)

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**David and Ziba**

16 When David had passed a little beyond the summit,

Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him (see 2 Samuel 9:2),

with a couple of donkeys saddled,

bearing two hundred loaves of bread,

a hundred bunches of raisins,

a hundred of summer fruits,

and

a skin of wine.

2 And

the king said to Ziba,

“Why have you brought these?”

Ziba answered,

“The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on,

the bread

and

summer fruit for the young men to eat,

and

the wine for those

who faint in the wilderness

to drink.”

3 And

the king said,

“And

where is your master's son?”

Ziba said to the king,

“Behold,

he remains in Jerusalem,

for he said,

‘ Today

the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father.’”

4 Then the king said to Ziba,

“Behold,

all that

belonged to Mephibosheth (a son of Jonathan, 2 Samuel 9:3)

is now yours.”

And

Ziba said,

“I pay homage;

let me ever find favor in your sight,

my lord the king.”

**Shimei Curses David**

5 When King David came to Bahurim,

there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul,

whose name was Shimei,

the son of Gera,

and

as he came

he cursed continually.

6 And

he threw stones at David

and

at all the servants of King David,

and

all the people

and

all the mighty men were on his right hand

and

on his left.

7 And

Shimei said

as he cursed,

“Get out,

get out,

you man of blood,

you worthless man!

8 The Lord has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul,

in whose place you have reigned,

and

the Lord has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom.

See,

your evil is on you,

for you are a man of blood.”

9 Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king,

“Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?

Let me go over

and

take off his head.”

10 But

the king said,

“What have I to do with you,

you sons of Zeruiah? (01121, plural, https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/16/10)

If he is cursing

because the Lord has said to him,

‘Curse David,’

who then shall say,

‘Why have you done so?’”

11 And

David said to Abishai

and

to all his servants,

“Behold,

my own son seeks my life;

how much more now may this Benjaminite!

Leave him alone,

and

let him curse,

for the Lord has told him to.

12 It may be

that the Lord will look on the wrong

done to me,

and

that the Lord will repay me with good for his cursing today.”

13 So David

and

his men went on the road,

while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him

and

cursed as he went

and

threw stones at him

and

flung dust.

14 And

the king,

and

all the people

who were with him,

arrived weary at the Jordan.

And

there he refreshed himself.

**Absalom Enters Jerusalem**

15 Now

Absalom

and

all the people,

the men of Israel,

came to Jerusalem,

and

Ahithophel with him.

16 And

when Hushai the Archite,

David's friend,

came to Absalom,

Hushai said to Absalom,

“Long live the king!

Long live the king!”

17 And

Absalom said to Hushai,

“Is this your loyalty to your friend?

Why did you not go with your friend?”

18 And

Hushai said to Absalom,

“No,

for whom the Lord

and

this people

and

all the men of Israel have chosen,

his I will be,

and

with him

I will remain.

19 And again,

whom should I serve?

Should it not be his son?

As I have served your father,

so I will serve you.”

20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel,

“Give your counsel.

What shall we do?”

21 Ahithophel said to Absalom,

“Go in to your father's concubines,

whom he has left

to keep the house,

and

all Israel will hear

that you have made yourself a stench to your father,

and

the hands of all

who are with you

will be strengthened.”

22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof.

And

Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 Now in those days

the counsel

that Ahithophel gave

was

as if one consulted the word of God;

so was all the counsel of Ahithophel esteemed,

both

by David

and

by Absalom.