**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.