**2 Samuel 19** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+19/)

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**Joab Rebukes David**

19 It was told Joab,

“Behold,

the king is weeping

and

mourning for Absalom.”

2 So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the people,

for the people heard that day,

“The king is grieving for his son.”

3 And

the people stole into the city that day

as people steal in

who are ashamed

when they flee in battle.

4 The king covered his face,

and

the king cried with a loud voice,

“O my son Absalom,

O Absalom, my son, my son!”

5 Then Joab came into the house to the king

and

said,

“You have today covered with shame the faces of all your servants,

who have this day saved your life

and

the lives of your sons

and

your daughters

and

the lives of your wives

and

your concubines,

6 because you love those

who hate you

and

hate those

who love you.

For you have made it clear today

that commanders

and

servants are nothing to you,

for today I know that

if Absalom were alive

and

all of us were dead today,

then you would be pleased.

7 Now therefore (corresponding to v. 5)

arise,

go out

and

speak kindly to your servants,

for I swear by the Lord,

if you do not go,

not a man will stay with you this night,

and

this will be worse for you

than all the evil

that has come upon you from your youth until now.”

8 Then the king arose

and

took his seat in the gate.

And

the people were all told,

“Behold,

the king is sitting in the gate.”

And

all the people came before the king.

**David Returns to Jerusalem**

Now

Israel had fled

every man to his own home.

9 And

all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel,

saying,

“The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies

and

saved us from the hand of the Philistines,

and now

he has fled out of the land from Absalom.

10 But

Absalom,

whom we anointed over us,

is dead in battle.

Now therefore

why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?”

11 And

King David sent this message to Zadok

and

Abiathar the priests:

“Say to the elders of Judah,

‘Why should you be the last

to bring the king back to his house,

when the word of all Israel has come to the king?

12 You are my brothers;

you are my bone

and

my flesh.

Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?’

13 And

say to Amasa,

‘Are you not my bone

and

my flesh?

God do so to me

and more also,

if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.’”

14 And

he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man,

so that they sent word to the king,

“Return,

both

you

and

all your servants.”

15 So the king came back to the Jordan,

and

Judah came to Gilgal

to meet the king

and

to bring the king over the Jordan.

**David Pardons His Enemies**

16 And

Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim,

hurried to come down with the men of Judah

to meet King David.

17 And

with him were a thousand men from Benjamin.

And

Ziba the servant of the house of Saul,

with his fifteen sons

and

his twenty servants,

rushed down to the Jordan before the king,

18 and

They crossed the ford

to bring over the king's household

and

to do his pleasure.

And

Shimei the son of Gera

fell down before the king,

as he was about to cross the Jordan,

19 and

said to the king,

“Let not my lord hold me guilty

or

remember

how your servant did wrong on the day

my lord the king left Jerusalem.

Do not let the king take it to heart.

20 For your servant knows

that I have sinned.

Therefore,

behold,

I have come this day,

the first of all the house of Joseph to come down

to meet my lord the king.”

21 Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered,

“Shall not Shimei be put to death for this,

because he cursed the Lord's anointed?”

22 But

David said,

“What have I to do with you,

you sons of Zeruiah,

that you should this day be as an adversary to me?

Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day?

For do I not know

that I am this day king over Israel?”

23 And

the king said to Shimei,

“You shall not die.”

And

the king gave him his oath.

24 And

Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down

to meet the king.

He had neither taken care of his feet

nor trimmed his beard

nor washed his clothes,

from the day the king departed

until the day he came back in safety.

25 And

when he came to Jerusalem

to meet the king,

the king said to him,

“Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?”

26 He answered,

“My lord, O king,

my servant deceived me,

for your servant said to him,

‘I will saddle a donkey for myself,

that I may ride on it

and

go with the king.’

For your servant is lame.

27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king.

But

my lord the king is like the angel of God;

do therefore

what seems good to you.

28 For all my father's house were but men

doomed to death before my lord the king,

but

you set your servant among those

who eat at your table.

What further right have I, then,

to cry to the king?”

29 And

the king said to him,

“Why speak any more of your affairs?

I have decided:

you

and

Ziba shall divide the land.”

30 And

Mephibosheth said to the king,

“Oh, let him take it all,

since my lord the king has come safely home.”

31 Now

Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim,

and

he went on with the king to the Jordan,

to escort him over the Jordan.

32 Barzillai was a very aged man,

eighty years old.

He had provided the king with food

while he stayed at Mahanaim,

for he was a very wealthy man.

33 And

the king said to Barzillai,

“Come over with me,

and

I will provide for you with me in Jerusalem.”

34 But

Barzillai said to the king,

“How many years have I still to live,

that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?

35 I am this day eighty years old.

Can I discern what is pleasant

and

what is not?

Can your servant taste what he eats

or

what he drinks?

Can I still listen to the voice of singing men

and

singing women?

Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?

36 Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king.

Why should the king repay me with such a reward?

37 Please let your servant return,

that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father

and

my mother.

But

here is your servant Chimham.

Let him go over with my lord the king,

and

do for him

whatever seems good to you.”

38 And

the king answered,

“Chimham shall go over with me,

and

I will do for him

whatever seems good to you,

and

all that you desire of me

I will do for you.”

39 Then all the people went over the Jordan,

and

the king went over.

And

the king kissed Barzillai

and

blessed him,

and

he returned to his own home.

40 The king went on to Gilgal,

and

Chimham went on with him.

All the people of Judah,

and also

half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.

41 Then all the men of Israel came to the king

and

said to the king,

“Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away

and

brought the king

and

his household over the Jordan,

and

all David's men with him?”

42 All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel,

“Because the king is our close relative.

Why then are you angry over this matter?

Have we eaten at all at the king's expense?

Or

has he given us any gift?”

43 And

the men of Israel answered the men of Judah,

“We have ten shares in the king,

and

in David also

we have more than you.

Why then did you despise us?

Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?”

But

the words of the men of Judah were fiercer

than the words of the men of Israel.