

A Warrior's Notes

Betrayal

“He answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.”—**Matthew 26:23**

“Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”—**Psalms 41:9**

Both verses reveal a sobering truth: the deepest wounds often come from the closest circles.

Betrayal is most painful not when it comes from enemies, but from those who shared our table, our trust, and our fellowship.

David's lament in **Psalms 41:9** speaks prophetically of the Messiah. Jesus confirms its fulfillment in **Matthew 26:23**. The shared dish—the sign of friendship—becomes the setting of treachery.

Scripture teaches us that nearness does not guarantee faithfulness, and participation does not equal loyalty.

Yet Christ was not surprised, shaken, or diverted from the will of God. Betrayal did not cancel redemption—it advanced it.

Ahithophel and David (**2 Samuel 15–17**).

Ahithophel was David's trusted counselor—his advice “was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God” (**2 Sam. 16:23**). Yet he

betrayed David and sided with Absalom. David fled, prayed, and trusted God. In time, God overturned Ahithophel's counsel and preserved His anointed king.

God may allow betrayal, but He never surrenders His purpose.

Judas Iscariot and Jesus (**Matthew 26–27**).

Judas walked with Christ, heard His teaching, and shared His table—yet sold Him for silver. Still, Jesus washed Judas' feet, offered him bread, and called him “friend.”

The cross followed the betrayal, but so did the resurrection. God's redemptive plan is never derailed by human unfaithfulness.

Do not measure spiritual health by proximity to holy things, but by faithfulness of heart.

When betrayed, resist bitterness—commit your cause to God (**1 Peter 2:23**).

Trust this truth: what men mean for harm, God uses for redemption. The same table that revealed betrayal also displayed the steadfast love of God—a love that remains faithful even when friends fail.