

2 Samuel 14:25 NLT ²⁵ Now Absalom was praised as the most handsome man in all Israel. He was flawless from head to foot.

Proverbs 3:1-8 NLT ³ My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. ² If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. ³ Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. ⁴ Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. ⁸ Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

2 Samuel 15:1-6 NLT ¹ After this, Absalom bought a chariot and horses, and he hired fifty bodyguards to run ahead of him. ² He got up early every morning and went out to the gate of the city. When people brought a case to the king for judgment, Absalom would ask where in Israel they were from, and they would tell him their tribe. ³ Then Absalom would say, "You've really got a strong case here! It's too bad the king doesn't have anyone to hear it. ⁴ I wish I were the judge. Then everyone could bring their cases to me for judgment, and I would give them justice!" ⁵ When people tried to bow before him, Absalom wouldn't let them. Instead, he took them by the hand and kissed them. ⁶ Absalom did this with everyone who came to the king for judgment, and so he stole the hearts of all the people of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:13-14 NLT ¹³ A messenger soon arrived in Jerusalem to tell David, "All Israel has joined Absalom in a conspiracy against you!" ¹⁴ "Then we must flee at once, or it will be too late!" David urged his men. "Hurry! If we get out of the city before Absalom arrives, both we and the city of Jerusalem will be spared from disaster."

2 Samuel 18:6-10 NLT ⁶ So the battle began in the forest of Ephraim,⁷ and the Israelite troops were beaten back by David's men. There was a great slaughter that day, and 20,000 men laid down their lives. ⁸ The battle raged all across the countryside, and more men died because of the forest than were killed by the sword. ⁹ During the battle, Absalom happened to come upon some of David's men. He tried to escape on his mule, but as he rode beneath the thick branches of a great tree, his hair got caught in the tree. His mule kept going and left him dangling in the air. ¹⁰ One of David's men saw what had happened and told Joab, "I saw Absalom dangling from a great tree."

2 Samuel 18:17 NLT ¹⁷ They threw Absalom's body into a deep pit in the forest and piled a great heap of stones over it. And all Israel fled to their homes.

Proverbs 16:18 NKJV ¹⁸ Pride *goes* before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

James 4:17 NKJV ¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Matthew 6:15 NLT ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.