

1. How would you explain the phrases “sin of commission” and “sin of omission,” and how are those concepts in view in this passage?
2. Does Absalom have the right to be angry with Amnon? If so, how should he have responded to his anger?
3. Some people complain that belief in a God of judgment will lead to a more brutal society. How might this story demonstrate that the opposite is true?
4. How does the potential loss of “all the king’s sons” reflect our fear that our sin might negate the promises of God?