



Second Samuel Pursuing the Heart of God

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David Flees; the Advice of Ahithophel & Hushai

2 Samuel 15:13-17:23

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Theme: This section centers around David’s flight from Jerusalem as Absalom momentarily usurps his father’s throne. David entrusts himself into the Lord’s hands and uses his loyal supporters to the best of his advantage. The narrative is carried by David’s encounters and dealings with various individuals, both loyalists and deceivers.

Outline:

1. David Flees, Again (15:13–37)
 - a. Faith is supported by the gifts of God, vv. 13–23
 - b. Faith is free in the will of God, vv. 24–29
 - c. Faith is encouraged by the providence of God, vv. 31-37

2. In the Presence of My Enemies (Ch. 16)

- a. Ziba, the man who manipulates, vv. 1-4
- b. Shimei, the man who curses, vv. 5–14
- c. Ahithophel, the man who betrays, vv. 15-23

3. His Kingdom Cannot Fail (Ch. 17:1-23)

- a. The hiddenness of God's Sovereignty, vv.1-14
- b. The excitement of God's providence, vv. 15-22
- c. The end of God's enemy, v. 23

Takeaways:

- 1) Submission to God's will and wise action on our part, go hand in hand, especially when faced with a crisis or uncertainty.
- 2) God disciplines those He loves, but He doesn't abandon them.

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Date: July 8, 2018

Title: Absalom's Death and David's Mourning and Return

Scripture: 2 Samuel 17:24-19:43