



## Second Samuel Pursuing the Heart of God

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### “Sorrow in Victory” David Wins the Battle but Loses a Son

2 Samuel 17:24-19:43

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**Theme:** The civil war in Israel between the forces of David and those of Absalom ultimately results in David’s victory and Absalom’s death. Although he has won, David deeply mourns the loss of Absalom. Joab warns him that such mourning shames his soldiers who have fought so hard for him, and will turn the people against him if this continues. David stops mourning and returns to Jerusalem to reclaim his throne.

### **Outline:**

1. Absalom’s Forces Defeated (17:24–18:18)
  - a. Absalom’s preparation, 17:24–26
  - b. Support for David, 17:27–29
  - c. David prepares his troops, 18:1–5
  - d. Israel routed by David’s army, 18:6-8

e. The death of Absalom, 18:9–15

f. Joab ends the battle and buries Absalom, 18:16-18

2. The Aftermath of the War (18:19–19:8)

a. The report to David, 18:19-32

b. David mourns Absalom's death, 18:33

c. Joab rebukes the King, 19:1-8

3. David Returns to Jerusalem (19:9-43)

a. Judah returns David to the throne, 19:9–18a

b. David's mercy to Shimei, 19:18b-23

c. David's kindness to Mephibosheth, 19:24-30

d. David's kindness to Barzillai, 19:31-40

e. An argument over the King between Israel and Judah, 19:41-43

**Takeaway:** God's promises to David hold true and he is restored to his throne. God provides us the protection we need when we trust in Him.

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Scripture: 2 Samuel 20:1-21:22