

A Spiritual Battle for the Ages

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2 Samuel 10:1-19

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More Proof of David's Walk with God

- True believers are transformed by God's work^{Ps1:3}
- This chapter continues to show us David's transformed grace
- When Jesus redeems, results happen^{Jn15:5}
- David showed *hesed* to Mephibosheth^{2S9:7} which was received
- David shows *hesed* to Hanun and it was rejected
- David foreshadows Christ so we might have hope^{Rom15:4}
- This story follows Psalm 2 - the history of the world

Hostility to the Gospel shouldn't Surprise Us

- Foreign ruler^{Hanan} set themselves against Lord's anointed
- Early believers persecuted^{Act4:24-30} ran to Psalm 2 in prayer
- World described^{Ps2:1} as raging, but God is sovereign^{Ps2:4-6}

David Shows Kindness

- Nahash^{1S11} dies, David had relationship w/ him^{2S17:27;1S21:10;1S22:3}
- Probably due to Saul being enemy of David
- David sends servants as comforters²
- Enemy can't fathom kindness - thought to be ploy³
- Repaid kindness with evil, shaming men⁴
- David cares for his own first - covers their shame⁵, allows time
- Jesus also deals with our shame^{1Pet2:24;3:18}

David Sends Joab

- Ammonites realize their faux pas⁶
- But they don't repent, rather they hire mercenaries for battle
- If you've sinned^{Rom3:23} against God seek forgiveness^{Rom2:4}
- Don't be hardened by pride/sin^{Heb3:12-13} run to God's mercy^{Heb4:7;Ps51:1}
- All are called to repent^{Psalms2:10-12} and take refuge in Him^{1Jn1:9!}

Joab, Though Flawed, is God's Servant

- Joab was murderer^{2S3:27} but knew God¹² and spoke Truth
- Only mention of God in chps 9&10. Declares God's truth
- *The Lord will do what seems good in His sight* - probably declarative^{NIV}
- Do you need to remember those words? God will do good^{Rom8:28}
- Before belief we're like Ammonites^{Ps2:3} do it our way not trust God
- Believers can trust God even in hard times^{Heb13:5-6}
- Joab trusted God's goodness - do you? Battle was decisive¹³⁻¹⁴

Enemies Don't Give Up

- Enemies double down¹⁵⁻¹⁶ brought in mercenaries^{Ps2:1-2}
- Foreshadow of David's downfall? V17 vs 11:1 neglecting duty
- David hears Hadadezer gathering army from afar¹⁶ he acts¹⁷
- Enemies act^{Ps2:2}; God's Anointed responds^{Ps2:9}
- Note Syrians seek peace¹⁹ unlike Ammonites = great losses¹⁸
- Seek refuge with God while you can^{Psa2:11-12; Psa52:7}
- Don't reject the *hesed*^{1Jn3:16} of God
- The Good News of the Gospel is God's kindness^{Rom2:4}
- Lay down your arms^{LikeSyrians} and rebellion against the King of Kings, Jesus and receive His kindness and mercy, Jesus is indeed gracious and kind and will offer true rest^{Mt11:28-30}