

A Story of Vengeance

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2 Samuel 13:23-29

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David's Sins Have Consequences

- David's sin w/ Bathsheba & resulting murder of Uriah still affecting family
- Many parallels...

A Bitter Root Which Grew Up

- A bitter root^{Heb12:15} began to grow in Absalom after Amnon's sin was 'overlooked'
- While David was angry^{13:21}, he did nothing as father or king for justice
- Absalom gave Amnon the silent treatment^{13:22}
- Absalom had options: appeal for justice; to Nathan or priests
- Instead Absalom chose to deal with things his way - never a good option!

What Grew Up

- Absalom invites all at annual sheep shearing²⁴
- David sensed something²⁵ but gives lame excuse
- Absalom presses & manipulates indulgent David²⁶⁻²⁷
- Absalom: silent treatment for 2 yrs... why now?

A Series of Things Upside Down

- Absalom invites on false pretenses; duped father into sending sibling into danger...
- Hospitality came with 'protection'^{Gen19; Judges19} expectation
- Absalom uses shearing as ruse for murder of Amnon
- Absalom like father uses servants to do the dirty work
- Absalom uses covenant type language^{Josh6:7} – for his own purposes

David's Grief

- Seeing horror of Amnon murdered, king's sons fled on their mules...
- News comes back exaggerated, miscommunicated³⁰, David believes the worst...
- Was David tempted to believe God had gone back on promises about his son?
- Surprisingly Jonadab spoke wisely³². How did he have this information?
- Beware of cunning people as advisors - look for godly people
- Lesson: teach your children to be careful of friendships - look for character^{Jer17:9; Mt10:16}
- Remaining sons returned, but much grieving
- David must have been reminded of effects of his sins on his family
- Imagine the gossip of the country about the effects of David's sin...
- Absalom fled^{34,37} oh if only redemptive gospel truths could have come into play

So What?

- Continuing effects of David's sin...
- If only David had spoken truth of God's Word into his family & remembered gospel
- Dangers of parenting w/ emotion and lacking truth and justice in relationships
- Lesson: teach children to look to God alone for justice & mercy
- God knows all about our sins Psalm 139:1-2
- We must confront as needed one another Gal 6:1; Mat 18:15-17
- Remember the hope of the True Gospel. God is no like David unwilling to deal w/ sin
- God dealt with our sin by sending Jesus Rom 3:24-25
- God doesn't overlook our sins; His wrath poured out on Jesus
- We are called to look to God's provision for our sin 1 John 1:9
- God has taken vengeance on our sins^{Dt32:35}
- In Christ we are set free^{Rom8:1-2}!