

A Series of Unfortunate Events

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2 Samuel 16:1-14

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A Royal Mess

- Absalom has staged a coup, David is fleeing Jerusalem
- Ahithophel has betrayed David {Judas betrayed Jesus}
- David is still God's anointed king, David is still praying^{15:31}
- A Series of 3 events... all part of God's plan to fulfill His Word

Deceived by Ziba

- David has passed beyond the summit and meets Ziba
- Ziba, former servant of Saul^{259:9} assigned to care for Mephibosheth
- Ziba has brought provisions & donkeys
- David seems skeptical² similar to Esau to Jacob^{Gen33:8}
- David inquires, *where is your master's son*³? Reference back to Saul's house
- Ziba lies about Mephibosheth
- David doesn't inquire further - like he did w/ messengers^{251:5} re: death of Saul
- David takes Ziba at face value - likely in haste of retreat

Shimei Curses David

- David continues on road to the wilderness, comes to Bahurim
- Another man from house of Saul, Shimei, comes out and begins cursing David
- Accuses David of doing dirty against house of Saul & stealing his kingdom
- David had been careful not to touch the Lord's anointed^{1524:6;26:9}
- Shimei is half-wrong and half-right
- David is a man of blood (just not with house of Saul) but Bathsheba & Uriah
- Abishai wants to solve the problem by removing Shimei's head
- David seems frustrated w/ Abishai's jump to violence¹⁰
- Imagine how Jesus felt w/ his disciples^{Jn14:9; Mk3:17; Lk9:54}
- LESSON: in difficult times don't be afraid to confess your own sins and look to God's righteousness and NOT your own... we aren't perfect, only God is!
- David surely was reviewing his own sins though Shimei's words weren't accurate
- Psalm 69 - David's expression of Gospel Truth
- David knew it was not HIS righteousness that mattered, it was God's grace!
- We must learn to rehearse the Gospel truths EVERYDAY!
- Remember the hope of the Gospel from David's words Psalm 103:1-5
- Never forget the Ultimate Truth of God's Gracious Gospel Psalm 103:10-12