

God Cares For His Own

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2 Samuel 17:15-29

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A Brief Review

- God is sovereign and working in these events 2 Sam 17:14
- Books of Samuel = Israel rejected God's rule, demanded a king, Saul failed
- God anointed David *a man after his own heart*^{1S13:14}
- Saul's kingdom collapsed, Saul pursued David, God protected David
- David led Israel to great peace & prosperity^{2S7:1-2}, wanted to build temple
- God instead gave David his promises and plan^{2S7:8-14}; glimmers of Christ!
- David was a son of Adam=sinner so he sinned^{2S11:1ff} grievously
- God sent Nathan^{2S12:12}, David confessed & repented, David was forgiven^{2S12:13}
- There were consequences^{2S12:10-11} but David was forgiven
- David seems to have allowed his sin to affect his relationships w/ children
- David didn't deal well with sin of his children, Amnon & Tamar, Absalom
- David didn't restore relationship with Absalom^{2S14:24}
- Absalom got disgruntled and rebelled^{2S15}
- Ahithophel his counselor joined Absalom's rebellion, but David prayed^{2S15:31}
- Hushai was sent back to join Absalom and provide counter counsel^{2S17:14}
- This was all ordained by God to prevent Absalom's rise to power^{2S15:14}

Today's Narrative...

- David has fled Jerusalem waiting at the fords of the wilderness^{2S15:28;16:14;17:16}
- Hushai was to send intelligence as it came available^{2S15:35-36}
- Urgency of the story - 3x quickly^{16,18,21} used
- Message sent by female servant - sneaky...
- Jonathan & Ahimaaz were seen - hid in a well and covered up...
- The spies got the message to David who crossed over the Jordan that night

Ahithophel Realizes His Chose Poorly

- v23 abrupt obituary of Ahithophel
- likely Ahithophel wanted to be 'man behind power' w/ Absalom
- When advice not followed saw that Absalom would be defeated
- Was Ahithophel not accepting of God's grace to David^{2S12;13?}
- Maybe Ahithophel couldn't fathom that God would use a repentant sinner
- Remember God chose David over Absalom because God chose David^{Deut7:7}
- Believers realize that they are believers only by God's amazing grace^{Eph2:8-9}

Narrator's Final Thoughts before the Battle

- Chapter end seems almost anticlimactic - just random details...
- Shobi, Machir, Barzillai^{2S19:32} used by God to show grace to David
- *the people are hungry & weary*²⁹ that was Ahithophel had said - he was right!

So What?

- Don't make Ahithophel's mistake and reject God's anointed King: Jesus!
- Jesus, unlike David, was sinless^{Heb4:15} and can save us and became sin for us!
- The Gospel: God receives sinners not because we are perfect, but because we trust in Jesus who was perfect^{Rom 4:5; Titus 3:5; John 3:16; Act 16:31}