

# 1 Chronicles 19:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him.

## Analysis

**Theological Analysis:** This passage falls within the section on Ammonite war - David's continued conquests. The Hebrew term מִלְחָמָה (milchamah) - war/battle is theologically significant here, pointing to God fights for His people. The Chronicler's narrative, while paralleling Samuel-Kings in places, offers a distinct theological perspective emphasizing temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Chronicles presents David not primarily as warrior-king but as worship organizer and temple planner. This verse contributes to that portrait by highlighting the spiritual dimensions of Israel's national life. The text demonstrates that true prosperity comes through proper worship and covenant obedience rather than merely military or political success.

Doctrinally, this passage teaches about God fights for His people. Cross-references throughout Chronicles connect David's reign to the broader redemptive narrative, showing how God's covenant promises advance through faithful human leadership while ultimately depending on divine grace and power. The messianic implications are profound: Spiritual warfare and Christ's triumph.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Background:** This section describes events from David's reign (c. 1010-970 BCE) but was written centuries later during the Persian period (c. 450-400 BCE). The Chronicler's selectivity in retelling David's story serves his theological purposes—he omits David's sins (Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion) while emphasizing David's worship reforms and temple preparations.

The historical setting of Ammonite war - David's continued conquests occurred during Israel's united monarchy, when the nation reached its territorial and political zenith. Archaeological evidence from this period shows significant building projects and administrative development. However, the Chronicler writes for a much smaller, struggling post-exilic community, using David's golden age to inspire hope for restoration.

Ancient Near Eastern parallels show that temple construction and royal sponsorship of worship were common across cultures. However, Israel's understanding of worship centered on covenant relationship with the one true God rather than manipulation of capricious deities. This theological distinctiveness shapes the Chronicler's presentation.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse's emphasis on God fights for His people challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?
2. What does Spiritual warfare and Christ's triumph teach you about Jesus Christ and His redemptive work?
3. In what practical ways can you apply the principles of covenant faithfulness and proper worship demonstrated in this passage?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּנֵי חֲנָן וְעַם הַחֶסֶד עָשָׂה דָּוִד וַיֹּאמֶר  
**of the children** **to Hanun** **kindness** **I will shew** **And David** **said**  
H1121 H2586 H5973 H2617 H6213 H1732 H559

וַיִּשְׁלַח חֶסֶד עָמִי אָבִיו עָשָׂה כִּי נָחָשׁ  
**sent** **kindness** **because his father** **I will shew** **of Nahash**  
H7971 H2617 H5973 H1 H6213 H3588 H5176

וַיָּבֹאוּ אָבִיו עַל לְנַחֲמוֹ מַלְאָכָיִם דָּוִד וַיָּבֹאוּ  
**came** **because his father** **to comfort** **messengers** **And David**  
H935 H1 H5921 H5162 H4397 H1732

אֶל עַמּוֹן בְּנֵי אֶרֶץ אֶל דָּוִד עֲבָדָיו  
**of Ammon** **of the children** **into the land** **And David** **So the servants**  
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לְנַחֲמוֹ חֲנָן וְ  
**to comfort** **to Hanun**  
H5162 H2586