

2 Samuel 13:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.

Analysis

And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.

This verse contributes to the narrative of Amnon and Tamar, emphasizing unresolved sin, family breakdown. Amnon's rape of Tamar and Absalom's revenge illustrate how unresolved sin metastasizes into family-wide dysfunction. David's failure to discipline Amnon (possibly from guilt over his own sexual sin) enabled further tragedy. Hebrew terminology emphasizes Tamar's desolation and Absalom's calculated hatred. The narrative demonstrates intergenerational sin consequences and the necessity of proper justice administration.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 13 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding unresolved sin, family breakdown provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed

significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of unresolved sin, family breakdown?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

גַּם יְמִינֵךְ	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	וַיָּבֹא	אֶל	אֶל	לְךָ	כַּאֲמָר	וַיֹּאמֶר	הַנֶּה	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת
hath sheepshearers	and Absalom	came	the king	and said	Behold	now thy servant	the king	Behold	now thy servant	Behold	now thy servant
H1494	H53	H935	H4428	H559	H2009	H4994	H4428	H5650	H3212	H4994	H5973

עֲבָדֶךָ	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת	בְּאַלְמָנוֹת
Behold now thy servant	go	Behold now thy servant									
H5650	H3212	H4994	H4428	H5650	H3212	H4994	H4428	H5650	H3212	H4994	H5973

עֲבָדֶךָ

Behold now thy servant

H5650