

# 2 Samuel 15:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Absalom's Rebellion, emphasizing betrayal, trusting God in exile. Absalom's conspiracy demonstrates calculating betrayal and political manipulation. David's flight from Jerusalem parallels later exile experiences, developing themes of trusting God during devastating reversals. The Hebrew emphasizes Absalom's patient, methodical undermining of David's authority. Cross-references to Psalms written during this period (Psalms 3, 63) reveal David's spiritual responses to political catastrophe.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 15 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 betrayal, trusting God in exile 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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of betrayal, trusting God in exile?
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

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וַיֹּאמֶר	הַמֶּלֶךְ	לְצֹדֵק	וְהָשִׁב־נִי	אֶת	אֶרֶץ	יָם
said	And the king	unto Zadok	Carry back	H853	the ark	of God
H559	H4428	H6659	H7725		H727	H430
הָעִיר	אִם	אֶמְצָא	חַן	בְּעֵינַי	יְהוָה	וְהָשִׁב־נִי
into the city	H518	if I shall find	favour	in the eyes	of the LORD	Carry back
H5892		H4672	H2580	H5869	H3068	H7725
וְהִרְאֵה נִי	אֶת	וְנִהוּ:				
and shew	H853	H853	me both it and his habitation			
H7200			H5116			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 25:30** (References Lord): Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

**Psalms 26:8** (References Lord): LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

**Psalms 84:10** (References God): For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**Exodus 15:13** (Parallel theme): Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

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