

2 Samuel 15:27

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

וַיֹּאמֶר	הַמֶּלֶךְ	אֶל	צָדוֹק	הַכֹּהֵן	הֲרוּאָה
said	The king	H413	also unto Zadok	the priest	Art not thou a seer
H559	H4428		H6659	H3548	H7200
הָאֶתְּ	שָׁבָה	הָעִיר	בְּשָׁלֶוֶם	וְאַחִימָאזֶּךָ	בְּנֵיךָ
H859	return	into the city	in peace	with you Ahimaaz	sons
	H7725	H5892	H7965	H290	H1121
וַיהוֹנָתָן	בְּנֵיךָ	אֲבִיָּתָר	וְשְׁנֵי	בְּנֵיךָ	אֶתְכֶם:
and Jonathan	sons	of Abiathar	and your two	sons	H854
H3083	H1121	H54	H8147	H1121	

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 9:9 (Parallel theme): (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

2 Samuel 17:17 (Kingdom): Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David.

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