

# 2 Samuel 16:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Humiliation, emphasizing suffering within God's sovereignty. David's humiliation through Shimei's cursing and Ziba's deception tests his faith in God's sovereignty. His refusal to punish Shimei demonstrates trust that God controls even unjust accusations. Ahithophel's counsel and Absalom's public sin with David's concubines fulfill Nathan's prophecy (12:11-12). Theological themes include suffering within God's sovereign plan, responding to unjust accusations with faith, and the full exposure of hidden sin.

## Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 16 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 suffering within God's sovereignty 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

## 1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

## **John 15:13 — Greatest form of love**

**Colossians 1:16** – All things created through Christ

## **Genesis 1:1 – Creation of heavens and earth**

## Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of suffering within God's sovereignty?
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

בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	וְשָׁמַעַ	וְשָׁמַעַ	אֶנְשׁ	אֶנְשׁ	בְּדַךְ	בְּדַךְ	בְּלֹא	בְּלֹא	בְּצִילָה	בְּצִילָה
as he went	And as David	H376	by the way	Shimei	as he went	side					
H1980	H1732		H1870	H8096	H1980	H6763					

בְּאֶבְנִים	יִסְקַּל	יִקְלַל	כָּלֹז	לְעַמֶּת וּ	בָּהּ רָ
on the hill's	at	as he went	him and cursed	and threw	stones

לעַמָּת	רַיִעַ	בְּעַפָּר
at	him and cast	dust
H5980	H6080	H6083

