

2 Samuel 19:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Return, emphasizing restoration, leadership wisdom. David's return to Jerusalem requires political wisdom as he navigates competing factions. His restoration of enemies (Shimei) and reward of supporters demonstrates leadership discernment. Theological themes include wise leadership during restoration, the complexity of post-crisis reconciliation, balancing justice and mercy, and the necessity of moving forward despite ongoing tensions.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 19 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 restoration, leadership wisdom 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of restoration, leadership wisdom?
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

אַתָּה וּבָשָׂרِי עַצְמִי וְלֹעֲמָשָׁא
ye to Amasa And say Art thou not of my bone and of my flesh
H6021 H559 H3808 H6106 H1320 H859

לֹא יַעֲשֶׂה כֵּה אֱלֹהִים וְכֵן הָיָה יְמִינָךְ אֶת־
H3541 do H0 God H3541 so to me and more H518 H3808
H6213 H430 H3254

כֹּל לִפְנֵי תְּהִלָּה צַבָּא שָׁר
also if thou be not captain of the host before
H8269 H6635 H1961 H6440 H3605 H3117
me continually

בֵּית יְהֹוָה
in the room of Joab
H8478 H3097

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 17:25 (Parallel theme): And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.

1 Kings 19:2 (References God): Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

Ruth 1:17 (Parallel theme): Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

2 Samuel 8:16 (Parallel theme): And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;
