

# 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

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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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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

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אָ תָּה	וּבֶשָׁר י	עֲצָמִי	הֲלֹא	תִּמָּר ו	וְלַעֲמָשָׂא
H859	H1320	H6106	H3808	H559	H6021
	and of my flesh	Art thou not of my bone		And say	ye to Amasa
לֹא אֶם	יֹסֵף י	וְכֹה	אֱלֹהִים	לִי	יַעֲשֶׂה כֹה
H518	H3254	H3541	H430	H0	H3541
	so to me and more		God	do	
הֵמָּה יָם	כָּל	לִפְנֵי י	תִּהְיֶה	צָבֵא	שֵׁר
H3117	H3605	H6440	H1961	H6635	H8269
me continually	before		of the host	also if thou be not captain	
יֹאבִב:	בַּחֲמֵה				
H3097	H8478				
of Joab	in the room				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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;

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