

2 Samuel 19:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

Analysis

And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

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

וַתֵּהָיֶה י	הַתְּשֻׁעָה	בַּיּוֹם	הַהוּא	לֹא	בָּלַל	לְכָל
H1961	And the victory	that day	H1931	was turned into mourning	H60	H3605
	H8668	H3117				
לְעַם	כִּי	שָׁמַע	לְעַם	בַּיּוֹם	הַהוּא	לֵאמֹר
for the people	H3588	heard	for the people	that day	H1931	say
H5971		H8085	H5971	H3117		H559
וַיִּצְעַק	הַמֶּלֶךְ	עַל	בְּנוֹ:			
was grieved	how the king	H5921	for his son			
H6087	H4428		H1121			