

# 2 Samuel 19:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?**

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

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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לְקַבֵּעַ אֶת יְרוּשָׁלָם כִּי תֵּין  
H1961 H3588 And it came to pass when he was come to Jerusalem to meet  
H935 H3889 H7125

לֹא לְפָה בַּעַמְּדֵל לֹא בַּעַמְּדֵל  
that the king said H0 that the king H4100 H3808  
H4428 H559

מִפִּיבְשָׁתְךָ עַמְּדֵל  
unto him Wherefore wentest H5973 not thou with me Mephibosheth  
H1980 H4648

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 16:17** (Parallel theme): And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

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