

# 2 Samuel 19:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame.

## Analysis

**And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame.**

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

## Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation

## **John 3:16 — God's love and salvation**

## **John 15:13 – Greatest form 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

רְמִנִּי	עָבֹדָה	פָּמָלָר	אָדָן	אָמָר
deceived	because thy servant	O king	My lord	And he answered
H3588	H5650	H4428	H113	H559

רָאָה בְּ	בְּקָמָה וּרְ	לִ	אָמַר	עַבְדָּךְ:	אָחִיבָּשָׁה	וְ	אַתָּה	וְ	אַתָּה
<b>And he answered</b>	<b>because thy servant</b>		<b>I will saddle</b>		<b>me an ass</b>		<b>that I may ride</b>		
H550	H5650		H2280		H2543		H7392		

עָזָבָךְ פָּסַח כִּי הַמֶּלֶךְ לֹא אָתָה אֶלְךָ וְאֶלְךָ יְהִי עָלָלָךְ

H5921 H1980 H854 O king H3588 is lame because thy servant H4428 H6455 H5650

