

2 Samuel 19:38

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

אָנֹכִי אָמַר	הַמֶּלֶךְ לְךָ	אֶתִּי	יַעֲבֹר רַ	כְּחָמֶם	וְאֲנִי	אֶעֱשֶׂה
answered	And the king		shall go	Chimham		of me that will I do
H559	H4428	H854	H5674	H3643	H589	H6213
אֶת ל' ו		הַטּוֹב		בְּעֵינֶיךָ	וְכָל ל	אֲשֶׁר
H0	H853	to him that which shall seem good		H5869	H3605	H834
		H2896				
	תְּבַח רַ		עַל י	אֶעֱשֶׂה	לְךָ:	
	unto thee and whatsoever thou shalt require		H5921	of me that will I do		H0
	H977			H6213		