

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

אָשָׁר יְאָמַר לְךָ רַאשֵּׁךְ מִצְחָה כִּי תְּאַבֵּה כִּי תְּאַבֵּה
answered And the king shall go Chimham of me that will I do
H559 H4428 H854 H5674 H589 H3643 H6213

אֲשֶׁר וְכָל בְּעֵינֶךָ יְבָרֵךְ וְבָרֵךְ לְךָ
to him that which shall seem good H2896 H3605 H834
H0 H853

לְךָ אָשָׁר תְּבַנֵּה וְעַל
unto thee and whatsoever thou shalt require H977 H5921 H6213
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