

# 2 Samuel 19:42

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

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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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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## **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

כִּי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	ל	אֵשׁ	עַל	יְהוּדָה	ה	אֵשׁ	כָּל	וַיַּעַן
	<b>of Israel</b>		<b>And all the men</b>		<b>of Judah</b>		<b>And all the men</b>		<b>answered</b>
H3588	H3478		H376	H5921	H3063		H376	H3605	H6030
זֶה	וְלֵאמֹה	אֵל	י	הַמֶּלֶךְ	לְ	וְ	קָרֹב		
				<b>Because the king</b>			<b>is near of kin</b>		
H2088	H4100	H413		H4428			H7138		
אֶכְלֹנוּ	הִזָּה	הַדָּבָר	ר	עַל	לְ	חָכָה			
		<b>for this matter</b>				<b>to us wherefore then be ye angry</b>			
	H2088	H1697		H5921	H0	H2734			
לָנוּ:	נָשָׂא	א	נָשָׂא	אֵת	אִם	הַמֶּלֶךְ	לְ	מִן	אֶכְלֹנוּ
	<b>cost or hath he given</b>		<b>us any gift</b>			<b>Because the king</b>			<b>at all</b>
H0	H5375		H5379		H518	H4428		H4480	H398

## Additional Cross-References

**2 Samuel 19:12** (Kingdom): Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?