

# 2 Samuel 19:43

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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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 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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| לֵאמֹר יְהוָה וְיַעֲשֶׂה  | וְיַעֲשֶׂה אֶת יְהוָה   |
| answered  | And the men   | of Israel   | H853  | And the men   | of Judah  |
| H6030   | H376  | H3478   |   | H376  | H3063   |
| and said  |   |   |   |   | H559  |
| עֲשֵׂר וְתִדְעֶה בְּנֵי דָוִיד  |
| We have ten   | parts   | H0  | in the king   | H1571   | have also more right in David and we                                  |
| H6235   | H3027   |   | H4428   |   | H1732   |
|   |   |   |   |   | H589  |
| מִזְבֵּחַ רְאשֵׁן הַלְאֵת בְּנֵי הָעֵדָה מִזְבֵּחַ                    |
| H4480   | H4069   |   | H7043   | H3808   | H1961   |
| than ye why then did ye despise                                       |   |   |   |   | And the words   |
|   |   |   |   |   | H1697   |
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| should not be first   | H0  | had in bringing back  | H853  | in the king   | were fiercer  |
| H7223   |   | H7725   |   | H4428   | H7185   |
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| And the words   | And the men   | of Judah  | And the words   | And the men   | of Israel   |
| H1697   | H376  | H3063   | H1697   | H376  | H3478   |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Galatians 5:20** (Parallel theme): Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

**2 Samuel 5:1** (References David): Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.