

2 Samuel 19:6

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics 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

אָהָב יְהֹוָה	אָהָב יְהֹוָה	אָהָב יְהֹוָה	אָהָב יְהֹוָה	אָהָב יְהֹוָה	אָהָב יְהֹוָה
In that thou lovest	and hatest	and hatest	and hatest	In that thou lovest	
H853	H8130	H8130	H853	H3588	
H157			H157		
הַיְהָ דָת	הַיְהָ דָת	הַיְהָ דָת	לְבָ	לְבָ	לְבָ
For thou hast declared	for this day		אֵין כִּי	הַיְהָ	
H5046	H3117		H369	H0	
שְׁרֵיִם	שְׁרֵיִם	שְׁרֵיִם	כִּי	כִּי	כִּי
that thou regardest neither princes	nor servants		תַּעֲבֹד יְמִ	תַּעֲבֹד יְמִ	תַּעֲבֹד יְמִ
H8269	H5650		H3588	H3045	H3588
I perceive			I perceive	for this day	
			H3117		
מִתְּהִלָּה וּמִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה וּמִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה וּמִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה וּמִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה וּמִתְּהִלָּה	מִתְּהִלָּה וּמִתְּהִלָּה
that if	Absalom	had lived	for this day	and all we had died	
H3863	H53	H2416	H3117	H4191	H3588
אַז	בְּעִינֵיכֶם	בְּעִינֵיכֶם	בְּעִינֵיכֶם	בְּעִינֵיכֶם	בְּעִינֵיכֶם
H227	then it had pleased thee well		H5869		
	H3477				

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