

# 2 Samuel 19:7

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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**1 John 4:8** — God is 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

עַתָּה	וְעַתָּה	לְבָבֶם	לְבָבֶם	עַל	עַל	לְבָבֶם
H6258	Now therefore arise	go forth	and speak	H5921	comfortably	
	H6965	H3318	H1696		H3820	
unto thy servants	by the LORD	for I swear	unto	unto	unto	unto
H5650	H3068	H7650	H3588	H369	H3318	H518
there will not tarry	one	with thee this night	and that will be worse			
H3885	H376	H3915	H7489			
עַל יְמֵינֶךָ	מִפְנָעֶךָ	בְּרִעָה	אֲשֶׁר	בְּאֶה	עַל יְמֵינֶךָ	
H0	H2063	H3605	H834	H935	H5921	
thee from thy youth	unto thee than all the evil	H7451				
H5271	H5704	H6258				

## Additional Cross-References

**Proverbs 14:28** (Parallel theme): In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

**Genesis 34:3** (Parallel theme): And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

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