

# 2 Samuel 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,**

This verse contributes to the narrative of Ish-bosheth Murdered, emphasizing righteous vs unrighteous means. The assassination of Ish-bosheth and David's execution of the murderers demonstrates crucial distinctions between godly and ungodly means. While the result (removing Saul's dynasty) aligned with God's purposes, the method (treacherous murder) violated divine standards. Hebrew concepts of justice (mishpat, מִשְׁפָט) and righteousness (tsedeq, צְדָקָה) permeate David's response.

## Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 4 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 righteous vs unrighteous means 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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of righteous vs unrighteous means?
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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answered	And David	H853	Rechab	H853	and Baanah	his brother	the sons
H6030	H1732		H7394		H1196	H251	H1121

of Rimmon	the Beerothite	H886	and said	H0	liveth	unto them As the LORD
H7417			H559		H2416	H3068

who hath redeemed	H6299	my soul	H5315	out of all adversity	H6869
H834		H3605			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 107:2** (Redemption): Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

**Psalms 34:17** (References Lord): The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

**Genesis 48:16** (Redemption): The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

**1 Kings 1:29** (Redemption): And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

**Psalms 71:23** (Redemption): My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

**Psalms 34:22** (Redemption): The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

**Psalms 103:4** (Redemption): Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;