

RETURN OF THE KING

Part 5

2 Samuel 19 - 20 (NKJV)

Past Lesson

- Ziba
- Shimei
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Ziba

- He is the servant of Mephibosheth, one who followed David for personal gain.
- Ziba, the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him met David as he was returning home and they went over the Jordan before the king.
- He was the one who met David as David was fleeing Absalom with many provisions and slandered Mephibosheth. **2 Samuel 16:3-4**
³ Then the king said, "And where *is* your master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.' "
⁴ So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that *belongs* to Mephibosheth *is* yours." And Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, *that* I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!"

Ziba trivia question

- **2 Samuel 9:9-10 (NKJV) David searched and found an heir of Saul.**

⁹ And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.

¹⁰ You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in *the harvest*, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
- **2 Samuel 16:1-4 (NKJV) Where did Ziba's goods come from?**

¹ When David was a little past the top *of the mountain*, there was Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them two hundred *loaves* of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

Shimei

- the one who cursed continuously as he was fleeing from Absalom. One who acted as though he was repenting his action but only out of fear of David.
- Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who *was* from Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David. *There were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him.
- Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king when he had crossed the Jordan.
- For I, your servant, know that I have sinned. Therefore here I am, the first to come today of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

- **2 Samuel 19:16-20 (NKJV)**

¹⁶ And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who *was* from Bahurim, hastened and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

¹⁷ *There were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over the Jordan before the king.

¹⁸ Then a **ferryboat** went across to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. Now Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king when he had crossed the Jordan.

¹⁹ Then he said to the king, "Do not let my lord impute iniquity to me, or remember what wrong your servant did on the day that my lord the king left Jerusalem, that the king should take *it* to heart.

²⁰ For I, your servant, know that I have sinned. Therefore here I am, the first to come today of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

Mephibosheth

- the son of Saul came down to meet the king, One who was truly loyal even though David thought otherwise.
- The bandages on his crippled feet have not been changed at all. His beard or mustache had not been trimmed or his clothes washed.
- He had no desire to live in comfort while the king was a fugitive.
- He longed for the presence of the king. He longed for his return.
- It was obvious from his appearance that he had mourned David's exile from the day it began.
- He had been truly loyal to the king, in spite of Ziba's false charges against him.
- Mephibosheth no doubt saw in David what his father Jonathan had seen and loved. His one desire – to be in David's presence.

- **2 Samuel 19:24-27 (NKJV)**

²⁴ Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he returned in peace.

²⁵ So it was, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?" ²⁶ And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go to the king,' because your servant *is* lame.

²⁷ And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king, but my lord the king *is* like the angel of God. Therefore do *what is* good in your eyes.

²⁸ For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. Therefore what right have I still to cry out anymore to the king?"

²⁹ So the king said to him, "Why do you speak anymore of your matters? I have said, 'You and Ziba divide the land.' "

³⁰ Then Mephibosheth said to the king, "Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch as my lord the king has come back in peace to his own house."

Barzillai

- **2 Samuel 19:31-40 (NKJV)**

³¹ And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim and went across the Jordan with the king, to escort him across the Jordan.

³² Now Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. And he had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he *was* a very rich man.

³³ And the king said to Barzillai, "Come across with me, and I will provide for you while you are with me in Jerusalem."

³⁴ But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

³⁵ I *am* today eighty years old. Can I discern between the good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any longer the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?

- ³⁶ Your servant will go a little way across the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me *with* such a reward?
³⁷ Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, near the grave of my father and mother. But here is your servant Chimham; let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what seems good to you."
³⁸ And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what seems good to you. Now whatever you request of me, I will do for you."
³⁹ Then all the people went over the Jordan. And when the king had crossed over, the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own place.
⁴⁰ Now the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. And all the people of Judah escorted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

Barzillai's first introduction

- **2 Samuel 17:27-29 (NKJV) David's fleeing from Absalom**

²⁷ Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

²⁸ brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched *grain* and beans, lentils and parched *seeds*,

²⁹ honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who *were* with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

- *Barzillai* means "iron of the Lord." He was truly an iron man, a man of iron and velvet. Barzillai's character shows his courage, conviction, generosity, loyalty, and gratefulness.
- He made himself available and useful.
- He was 80 years old.
- His wealth did not control him. He controlled (iron) his wealth and used it to help others (velvet).
- Barzillai was the opposite of another wealthy farmer named Nabal. Nabal was bitter, stingy, traitorous, rude, and humiliated others.
- Barzillai hastened to help, was generous in giving, loyal to his lord, the king, and encouraging to his friend who was in a downtime in his life.
- Barzillai does not want to be a burden to David. He desires to return to his home and be buried beside his parents. If David wants to bestow a blessing, he desires it be done to his son Chimham.

- Though very wealthy, useful, kind, generous, and loyal along with many other virtues, Barzillai is a picture of the earthly man.
- He is content with his life and possessions and would rather stay in his own “home” than to dwell with David.
- **Luke 16:19-23 (NKJV)**
 - ¹⁹ "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.
 - ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,
 - ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
 - ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.
 - ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- **Luke 18:18-25 (NKJV)**
 - ¹⁸ Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ... He (Jesus) said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!
 - ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

- **Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)**

²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

- **Isaiah 1:18 (NKJV)**

¹⁸ "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

- **Revelation 3:17-20 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'-- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

- Ziba followed David for what he could receive, his heart set on his gain with no real love for the king.
- Shimei followed David out of fear and without love for him.
- Barzillai had a heart and love for David but chose his “own way” rather than dwelling in the ‘Home of the King’.
- Mephibosheth could also have refused David’s invitation to “Come and dine at my table,” but his love was so great for the king he had no pleasure in life till he was in David’s presence.
- **Luke 14:16-18 (NKJV)**
 - ¹⁶ Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,
 - ¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'
 - ¹⁸ But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

- **Luke 14:21 (NKJV)**

²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind. **Matthew 22:14 (NKJV)** ¹⁴ For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

- **1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NKJV)**

²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

- **Jude 1:1 (NKJV)**

¹ Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: