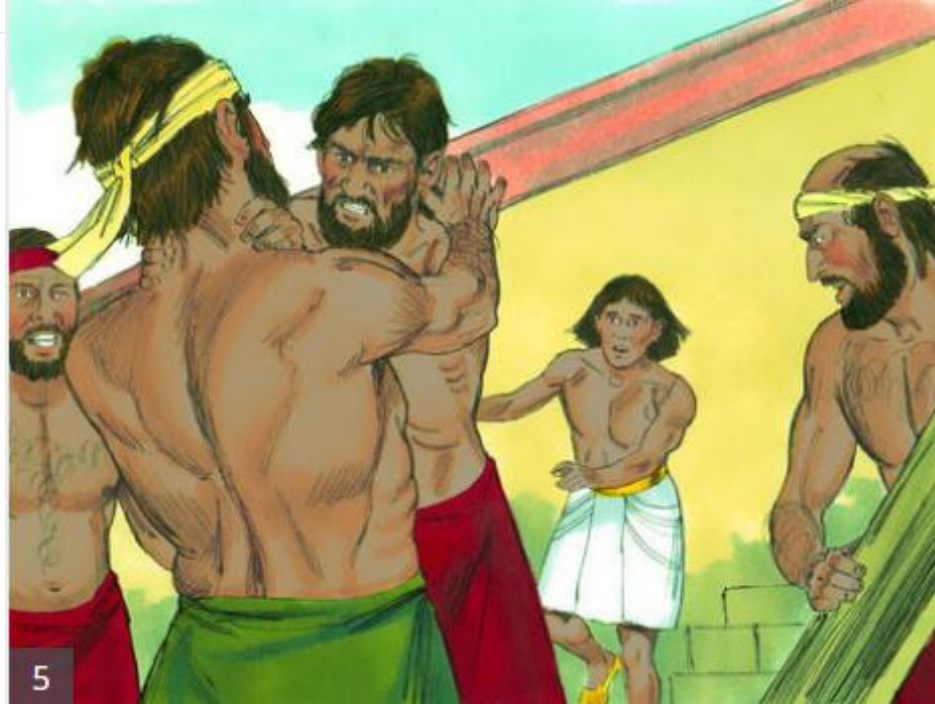


Division -2



Sunday July 14th 2024

2 Samuel 19:40-43

- **2 Samuel 19:40-43 (NKJV)**

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.

⁴¹ Just then all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, "Why have our brethren, the men of Judah, stolen you away and brought the king, his household, and all David's men with him across the Jordan?"

⁴² So all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king *is* a close relative of ours. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we ever eaten at the king's *expense*? Or has he given us any gift?"

⁴³ And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, "We have ten shares in the king; therefore we also have more *right* to David than you. Why then do you despise us--were we not the first to advise bringing back our king?" Yet the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.



Past lesson

- Looking back David had questioned why he was not called to return as king.
- **2 Samuel 19:9-12 (NKJV)**
 - ⁹ Now all the people were in a dispute throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king saved us from the hand of our enemies, he delivered us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled from the land because of Absalom.
 - ¹⁰ But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now therefore, why do you say nothing about bringing back the king?"
 - ¹¹ So King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the words of all Israel have come to the king, to his *very* house?"
 - ¹² You *are* my brethren, you *are* my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?'



Past lesson

- Judah was slow to request David return as King. He had fled from Absalom rather than defending his position as King. But once Judah decided to bring David back as king it was whole hearted by all the tribe of Judah. Israel had began the request but didn't follow through totally. Now they become upset with Judah as though Judah had taken claim to David and left them out. "Why have our brethren, the men of Judah, stolen you away and brought the king, his household, and all David's men with him across the Jordan?"
- The good intentions of Judah stirred up a jealous spirit in Israel.
- This spirit began a division among them.
- Judah responds, "Because the king *is* a close relative of ours. "
- David had earlier reminded them "You *are* my brethren, you *are* my bone and my flesh." David was from the tribe of Judah.
- Judah continues, "Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we ever eaten at the king's *expense*? Or has he given us any gift?"



Past lesson

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- Yet the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.
- Was the feud resolved? Was there a good resolution to the matter? Were the nations once again reunited?
- Internal strife broke out because **Judah** had taken such a prominent place in the restoration of the king (i.e., bringing him **across the Jordan**) without inviting the ten tribes to participate. **Judah** explained that David was their **close relative** and that they had not profited in any way above the others by taking the lead. The ten tribes argued that they had **ten** times as much right to participate as Judah. The fierceness of Judah's **words** was an indication of the serious *trouble* that lay ahead. Believer's Bible Commentary

Today's Lesson

- Have you ever been upset with someone only to find that your being upset really wasn't necessary?
- Have you ever been in a situation where a third party takes advantage of a dispute between two other parties?
- We will see in this lesson that a third party took advantage of the dispute between Israel and Judah in an attempt to overthrow David's rule as king.
- People can be very fickle, especially when they are bitter or deceived. How quickly people changed their minds about the Lord Jesus when one moment they were shouting "Hosanna to the son of David" but then it soon changed to "Crucify Him!"

2 Samuel 20:1-6 (NKJV)

Strife causing more division

- ¹ And there happened to be there a rebel, whose name *was* Sheba the son of Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a trumpet, and said: "We have no share in David, Nor do we have inheritance in the son of Jesse; Every man to his tents, O Israel!"
² So every man of Israel deserted David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah, from the Jordan as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to their king.
 - Sheba rebelled against David's rule (KJV a man of Belial).
 - A wicked **rebel** named **Sheba**, of the tribe of Benjamin (and possibly related to Saul), took the words **of Judah** and turned them into the basis for a rebellion. **The men of Judah** had claimed **David** as their own. **Sheba** now defiantly announced that the ten tribes had **no part in David** and were seceding. Only the tribe **of Judah** was left to David.
- Believer's Bible Commentary

- Misunderstanding, anger, accusations, argumentation, hurt feelings lead to rebellion and revolt.
- Being a Benjamite, Sheba may have been related to Saul. He most likely felt that the king should come from Benjamin since Saul was a Benjamite.
- What a change since [19:43](#) where ten parts were in David and now no parts are with the king. Israel once again is turning away from David as king.
- But the men of Judah, from the Jordan as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to their king.
- As Sheba and Israel revolt against their king, men revolt against the King of kings, Jesus Christ. Sheba rejected David's divine claim to rule. He rejected his authority. Men reject the divinity of Jesus and His right to rule their lives. As David was considered just another man, Jesus was considered just another man, not God. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. . The tribe of Judah remained faithful to David.

David replaces Joab

- ⁴ And the king said to Amasa, "Assemble the men of Judah for me within three days, and be present here yourself."
- ⁵ So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah. But he delayed longer than the set time which David had appointed him.
- ⁶ And David said to **Abishai**, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities, and escape us."
- **2 Samuel 17:25 (KJV) Who was Amasa?**
²⁵ And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab:
- **2 Samuel 19:12-13 (KJV) David's nephew – his sister's son**
And say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.
- **1 Chronicles 2:13-17** And Jesse begatDavid the seventh: Whose sisters *were* Zeruah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruah; **Abishai**, and **Joab**, and Asahel, three. And **Abigail bare Amasa**: and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmeelite.

- Amasa is given the opportunity to demonstrate his loyalty to King David. He was Absalom's general. Little does he realize this honor is his death warrant. He has three days to assemble the men of Judah. He fumbles the ball and fails again. He is late! His attitude could be flippant. Dissension may have made things difficult for him to assemble the army. They may have not trusted Amasa. This story emphasizes the importance of being on time. Treasures From the Scriptures
- By now Joab had been demoted, and **Amasa**, Absalom's rebel commander, was in charge of David's army. **The king** ordered him to **assemble the soldiers of Judah... within three days to pursue** and capture the rebel leader, **Sheba**. For some unexplained reason, **Amasa** did not complete the job within the **time** given, so **David** ordered **Abishai** to take command and set out with chosen **men** to prevent **Sheba** from getting established in **fortified cities**. Joab was among those who went with Abishai. Believer's Bible Commentary
- It is interesting that David put one who had been disloyal to him with Absalom, in charge of his military.

Joab takes revenge

- **2 Samuel 20:7-10 (NKJV)** Abishai now in charge

⁷ So Joab's men, with the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and all the mighty men, went out after him. And they went out of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

⁸ When they *were* at the large stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa came before them. Now Joab was dressed in battle armor; on it was a belt *with* a sword fastened in its sheath at his hips; and as he was going forward, it fell out.

⁹ Then Joab said to Amasa, "Are you in health, my brother?" And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

¹⁰ But Amasa did not notice the sword that *was* in Joab's hand. And he struck him with it in the stomach, and his entrails poured out on the ground; and he did not *strike* him again. Thus he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

- As they reached a **large stone** marker in **Gibeon**, **Amasa** came to meet them. **Joab**,... **dressed in** a soldier's **battle armor**, advanced to meet Amasa, and as he did so his **sword** dropped to the ground. It seems that he did this purposefully. He then picked up his **sword** and moved toward his unsuspecting cousin. With a great show of friendliness, **Joab** grabbed Amasa's **beard** as if **to kiss him**, then killed him with one thrust of the sword. Believer's Bible Commentary
- Amasa's failure or loss of a battle gained him a command. He failed to keep an appointment and now failed to spot the danger of Joab's sword. It cost him his life. The prophecy of Nathan is fulfilled again ([2 Samuel 12:10](#)). Amasa was a simple man not alert to destruction that was in his path.
- [Proverbs 14:15](#)—*The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.*
- [Proverbs 22:3](#)—*A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.*

- **2 Samuel 20:10-13 (NKJV)**

¹¹ Meanwhile one of Joab's men stood near Amasa, and said, "Whoever favors Joab and whoever *is* for David--follow Joab!"

¹² But Amasa wallowed in *his* blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he moved Amasa from the highway to the field and threw a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came upon him halted.

¹³ When he was removed from the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

- When **Joab and Abishai** began to pursue **Sheba**, their followers were immobilized by the sight of **Amasa wallowing in his blood on the highway**. Not until his body was **removed** did Joab's men follow him. Believer's Bible Commentary

More Characters in David's Life

- Sheba - A rebel, a man of Belial
Job 24:13 (NKJV) "There are those who rebel against the light; They do not know its ways Nor abide in its paths.
1 Samuel 12:14-15 (NKJV) If you fear the LORD and serve Him and obey His voice, and do not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and the king who reigns over you will continue following the LORD your God.
¹⁵ However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.
2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

- Amasa - An unfit leader / procrastinator
- **2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NKJV)** We then, *as workers together with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*" Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.
- **1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)** Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- **2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)**
¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- **James 3:13-18 (NKJV)** Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom.

- Abishai - One who would have killed Saul and Shimei. Both were spared by David
- **1 Samuel 26:8-9 (KJV)**
 - ⁸ Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time.
 - ⁹ And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?
- **2 Samuel 19:21 (KJV)**
 - ²¹ But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD'S anointed?
- He would rather take things in his own hands, than wait on the Lord.

- Joab – A man of war and blood. He slew Absalom and Amasa.
- **James 3:14-18 (NKJV)**¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic.¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Solomon brings about Joab's death

- **1 Kings 2:5-6 (KJV) David's charge to Solomon**

⁵ Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

⁶ Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

- **1 Kings 2:32-33 (KJV) Solomon executes David's charge**

³² And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing *thereof, to wit*, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

³³ Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

Judah remained faithful

- **2 Samuel 20:2 (NKJV) Judah remains loyal**

² So every man of Israel deserted David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah, from the Jordan as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to their king.

Hebrews 12:25 (NKJV) Do not turn away

²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven,

- **Numbers 12:6-8 (NKJV) Moses an example of “faithful”**

⁶ Then He said, "Hear now My words: "If there is a prophet among you, *I*, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.

⁷ Not so with My servant Moses; He *is* faithful in all My house.

⁸ I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

- **Colossians 1:1-2 (NKJV) To the faithful**
 - ¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
 - ² To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **1 Timothy 1:12-13 (NIV) Considered faithful**
 - ¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.
 - ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.
- **2 Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV) commit to faithful**
 - ¹ You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
 - ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
 - ³ You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- **1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NKJV) required faithful**
 - ¹ Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.
 - ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.