

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”
2 Samuel 18:1-33
Wednesday October 7, 2015**

2 Samuel 18:7-15

2 Samuel 18:9

2 Samuel 14-18 – David’s Son Absalom Seizes David’s Kingdom.

2 Samuel 16-17 – Absalom Takes Jerusalem And David Retreats.

2 Samuel 18 – Absalom’s Defeat And Death.

1. Verses 1-8 – David’s Civil War

2. Verses 9-18 – David’s Son Slain

3. Verses 19-33 – David’s Heart Broken

1. Verses 1-8 – David’s Civil War:

2 Samuel 18:1

“Then David numbered the people” – Context, 2 Samuel 17:24-29.

We have yet another civil war. 2 Samuel 2:31

2 Samuel 18:2

“David sent the people out, one third” – David divides the army of Israel into 1/3 (Gideon the same).

2 Samuel 18:3

Jesus said this, Mark 14:27.

2 Samuel 18:4-5

2 Samuel 15:1-6

David’s great danger of viewing Absalom’s rebellion as youthful escapade that could be forgiven (David, The King/Father).

Let's be thankful that our Father in heaven hasn't dealt with us according to our sins.

Jesus didn't deserve to die, for He was sinless; yet He took the punishment that belonged to us. What a Savior!

2 Samuel 18:6-8

2. Verses 9-18 – David's Son Slain:

2 Samuel 18:9

How much his heavy head of hair contributed to this accident,
2 Samuel 14:26.

2 Samuel 18:10-12

I Will Not Disobey The King's Command: "for in our hearing the king charged you"

2 Samuel 18:13

I Would Get Caught By The King: "(nothing hidden from the king),"

David killed the man who said he killed Saul, 2 Samuel 1:1-16, as well as the two men who killed Saul's son Ish-Bosheth, 2 Samuel 4:1.

You Would Turn Against Me: "then you yourself would have stood aloof."

2 Samuel 18:14

Joab had orchestrated the reconciliation of David and Absalom,
2 Samuel 14.

2 Samuel 18:15-17

Deuteronomy 21:20-21 – Law commanded the stoning of a rebellious son.

2 Samuel 18:18

Apparently his three sons had died, 2 Samuel 14:27.

"for he said, 'I have no son to preserve my name.'"

Proverbs 10:7

3. Verses 19-33 – David’s Heart Broken:

2 Samuel 18:19

“Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said,” – 2 Samuel 18:27

When the enemy is your own son, there can be no triumph and no celebration.

2 Samuel 18:20-23

Ahimaaz was a young man without a real message or the ability to convey that message in the right way.

What’s the sense in running if you don’t know how to share the news?

2 Samuel 18:24-29

Messenger was not prepared or equipped to share the bad news, so he made an excuse, he lied. 2 Samuel 18:20

2 Samuel 18:31-33

“The king was deeply moved” – “trembled violently”

“and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept.” – David was reaping for his sins.

2 Samuel 12:6 – “He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold,”

For this was the final payment of David’s great debt. The baby had died, Tamar was raped, Amnon was slain and now Absalom was dead.

2 Samuel 19:1-2

David’s problem was that he grieved excessively and wouldn’t permit himself to be comforted.

Application:

1. Absalom had murdered Amnon, driven David out of Jerusalem, seized his throne, violated David's concubines, and now he was out to kill David. 2 Samuel 18:5 – "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom."

Thought For Application: Let's be thankful that our Father in heaven hasn't dealt with us according to our sins.

2. David's problem was that he grieved excessively and wouldn't permit himself to be comforted. 2 Samuel 18:33

The Lord can heal a broken heart, if we give all the pieces to Him and obey Him by faith.