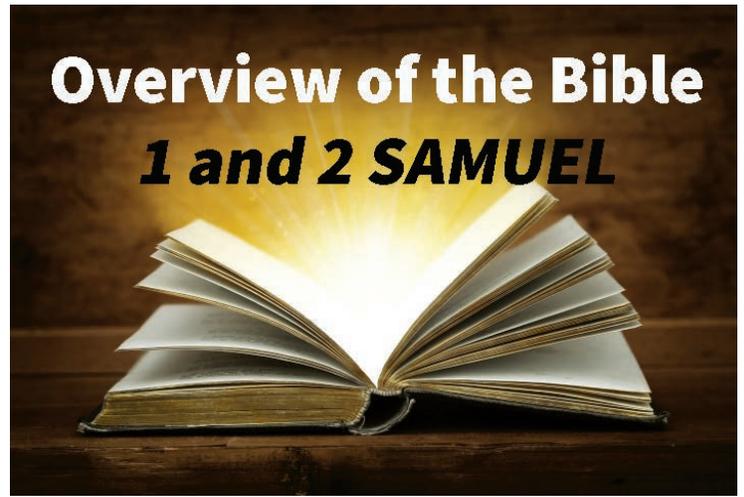


# GOD'S JUDGEMENT CONTINUES

## 2 Samuel 14 Lesson 83

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**Central truth:** God uses even the most unlikely people and circumstances to carry out His work and His perfect will in the world and in the lives of His children.

### Introduction – Recap from Chapter 13

- In 2 Samuel 11 and 12, David committed adultery with Bathsheba and has Uriah put to death.
- David repents and writes Psalm 32 and Psalm 51.
- In 2 Samuel 13, Amnon (David's son) assaults and rapes his sister Tamar.
- Absalom kills his brother Amnon and runs for his life.

### **The problem with sin is this:**

- 2 Samuel 12:11 - *Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'*

### I. The Wise Woman from Tekoa – 2 Samuel 14:1-20

- Joab discerns David's heart for his son Absalom and takes advantage of the opportunity to reunite the two.
- A wise woman from Tekoa is enlisted by Joab to pretend to be a mourner who has just lost a son.
- She tells David that her other son is in hiding because people want to kill him, and she fears being branded as "childless".
- Obviously, this false narrative is devised to play to David's emotions.
- David even promises that, as king, he will see to it that her living "son" will be kept safe. (v.11)
- It becomes quite obvious that David is not walking with God at this point.
- David should be outraged toward Absalom for killing Amnon, but instead he is acting foolishly, in a passive manner.
- This passage is full of evil thought and action, but remember, God is always working and will use even these actions to bring glory to himself.

## **II. David Sends Joab After Absalom – 2 Samuel 14:21-33**

- At this point, it appears that David, Joab, and Absalom are all acting in a childish manner.
- Absalom comes home and David insists that he stay away from him.
- David's poor leadership at this point is apparent.
- He should be moving on from this situation, pursuing God's wisdom and favor, and protecting his people. Instead, he is playing games with his son.
- Absalom wants to see his father but sees clearly that David does not want to see him. Why would David play games with his son?

### **\*Think about this: Absalom and David are in the same city for TWO YEARS**

- In those two years, Joab ignores Absalom's requests to see David twice.
- Joab would not let Absalom see his father, David.
- Out of anger and frustration, Absalom burns Joab's field... a sinful reaction.
- Like a soap opera, Absalom is back in Jerusalem for two years and has not seen his father. There is arson, lying, and deceit.
- Finally, Absalom PUTS ON AN ACT and bows to his father, posing as a good son.
- The only thing worse than that is the fact that David fell for it.

### **Conclusion/Application**

- God appears to be absent from this chapter, but we know that He is always at work and that he is orchestrating events for His own glory.
- David had become passive about the murder of Amnon. When we are not passionate about God's holiness and when we don't seek His wisdom, fellowship with God is broken and our lives seem to come undone.
- This chapter seems to show how foolish and sinful Absalom, Joab, and David really are.
- All three men want to be the king and rule this challenging situation.
- Our own response should be to completely rely upon God's faithfulness and trust that His Son Jesus is our King.
- God sent His one and only son in order to make a way for us to enter into relationship with Himself.
- Jesus is the only one who can vindicate any wrongs and give us comfort in tough times.