

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did Absalom flee from David?
2. What did Absalom seek when he claimed to want justice for the people?
3. How did Absalom's rebellion against his father affect David's love for him?
4. When did rebellion take root in Absalom's heart? When was it finished?

SUMMARY:

Absalom's sin did not lessen his father's love for him. David desired to have Absalom back with him. Absalom, instead of returning love to his father, manifested his sinful attitude by conspiring against the kingdom. He skillfully turned the hearts of many people from his father by insinuating that David was unjust in his judgment, and promising to do justice to everyone, if he were made judge.

As Absalom rebelled against his father, many sinners respond to God's call of love by rebellion against Him in manifestation of their sinful state. Fortunately, God is patient and loving enough that He calls many times. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."^[SoF:6] (2 Peter 3:9)

NOTES:

^[SoF:6] We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

May 23, 2010

Second Quarter

THE REBELLIOUS ABSALOM

LESSON TEXT: *2 Samuel 13:37 through 14:3; 15:1-37; Psalm 3:1-8*

LESSON SETTING: Near the end of King David's reign, as Absalom, his son, returns from Geshur.

TIME: Approximately 1027 B.C.

- I. REBELLION.** 2 Samuel 13:37 through 14:3
 - A. Fear (vs. 37) Isaiah 33:14; Daniel 5:6; Hebrews 10:27
 - B. A Father's Love (vs. 13:39; 14:1) 2 Samuel 12:16; Mark 5:23; Luke 14:20
- II. ABSALOM'S CONSPIRACY.** 2 Samuel 15:1-12
 - A. Self-Exaltation. Proverbs 17:19; 25:6-7; Matthew 23:12
 - B. Deception. Proverbs 26:25-26; Matthew 23:28
 - C. Betrayal. Psalm 55:12; Micah 7:6
- III. DAVID'S FLIGHT.** 2 Samuel 15:13-37
 - A. Loyal Friends (vs. 21) Proverbs 17:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9; John 15:13-14
 - B. Resignation to God's Will (vs. 25) 1 Samuel 3:18; 2 Samuel 12:23; Acts 21:14
 - C. Deception of Enemy. Genesis 20:2; 2 Kings 7:19; Matthew 26:74
- IV. DAVID'S SOURCE OF HELP.** Psalm 3:1-8
 - A. God A Shield (vs. 3) Deuteronomy 33:29; Psalm 115:9; Proverbs 30:5
 - B. Fearlessness (vs. 6) Psalm 27:3; Proverbs 29:25; Isaiah 12:2
 - C. Salvation of God (vs. 8) Psalm 37:39; Jeremiah 3:23; 1 Timothy 4:10

GOLDEN TEXT: *THOU, O LORD, ART A SHIELD FOR ME.*

Psalm 3:3

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Samuel 18:1-33; Psalm 9:1-20

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 94:1-11; Hosea 11:7-8;
Galatians 6:6-8

QUARTERLY THEME: David The King

TOPIC: A SAD HARVEST

INTRODUCTION:

This record of Absalom has been preserved for us, so that we might learn that the wages of sin always brings death. Absalom in nurturing his hate for Amnon his brother, was brought to the act of murder.

It is said of David that he was a man after God's own heart. He loved Absalom even though he was a rebellious son, and would have given his own life for him. The seeds of murder and rebellion lie in the heart of every sinner, but God in His great love for the sinner sent JESUS to show by a living example how much HE cares for all mankind. [\[SoF:6\]](#) David could not change the heart of Absalom. The heart of every sinner can be changed by the power of God. Repentance, with remorse for past sins coupled with faith in God's forgiveness and grace to turn from a life of sin leads to a new life. [\[SoF:7,8\]](#)

Absalom's rebellion was not only against his father and his home, it was also against God. Consider what it cost him.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The wages of sin is death.

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins. [\[SoF:6\]](#) We believe that all are sinners and lost, awaiting the judgment of God, but God is not willing that any should be lost. [\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. [\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.*

Romans 6:23

Sin begets sin. We can reap only what we sow. This is a natural law of God. Absalom's hate of Amnon took him down the road to death. All sin leads to spiritual death and eternal separation from God. A sad harvest will be our own choosing. But there are two ways open to everyone. God has given us our will, so that we may choose to live or die. HE has made a way for us to live, by JESUS' death on the cross for our sins. [\[SoF:4\]](#) He arose from the grave that we also can have a new life in Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 24 – 30

- M. *Sin Brings Death. 2 Samuel 18:1-18
- T. *Sin Brings Sorrow. 2 Samuel 18:24-33
- W. *Sin Brings Trouble. Psalm 9:1-20
- T. Sin Brings Indifference. Psalm 73:1-12
- F. Sin Brings Separation. Isaiah 59:1-8
- S. Sin Brings Condemnation. Romans 3:9-20
- S. Sin Brings Judgment. Hebrews 10:26-31