

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did David fail as a father because of Absalom's attitude and character?
2. To what extent was Absalom responsible for his own death?
3. How does God administer divine justice?

### SUMMARY:

Children are a blessing from the Lord. They are also a responsibility. We can be sure that Absalom had all of the advantages of a Godly environment. How fortunate are the children born into a Christian home. Obedience to parents has the promise of a blessing from the Lord. Obedience to God has the promise of eternal life. Wise and happy are those that follow the leading of Christ and overcome all temptations and tests. "And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Revelation 22:12)

### NOTES:

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**[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 #9

May 30, 2010

Second Quarter

### A SAD HARVEST

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**LESSON TEXT:** *2 Samuel 18:1-33; Psalm 9:1-20*

**LESSON SETTING:** The forest of Ephraim by the city of Mahanaim.

**TIME:** Approximately 1023 B.C.

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- I. A FATHER'S CONCERN.** 2 Samuel 18:1-5
  - A. A Father's Compassion. (vs. 5) Luke 15:20
  - B. A Father's Love (vs. 5, 33)
- II. TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS.** 2 Samuel 18:6-33
  - A. Sowing and Reaping (vs. 6-17) Galatians 6:6-8
  - B. Backsliding (vs. 18) Hosea 11:7
  - C. Vanity (vs. 18) Psalm 94:1-11
  - D. The Reports (vs. 27-33)
- III. A DIVINE JUSTICE.** **[SoF:6]** Psalm 9:1-20
  - A. Wages of Sin. Proverbs 30:17; Ecclesiastes 2:26; Hebrews 2:2

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

Romans 6:23

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 2 Samuel 22:29-37; 23:1-5

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21;  
Matthew 10:19-20

**QUARTERLY THEME:** David the King

**TOPIC:** A SPIRIT ANOINTED LEADER

**INTRODUCTION:**

Today as people are desperately searching for the true meaning of life, the Holy Spirit still holds the key to all our questions about life.

We are placed in this life to perform work for our Lord. Although we praise God for His work of salvation, we must not lose sight of the work His Spirit performs in our daily lives. 1 John 2:27 tells us we have received the anointing of the Spirit, and thus He abides in us.<sup>[SoF:9]</sup> No man need to teach us what is our portion in life: God's spiritual anointing teaches us all things.

David through past experiences was able to say "The Lord will lighten my darkness." This is one of the ways in which the Spirit works marvelously in our everyday life. If our channel of communication is open to Him, He is able to reveal our shortcomings and bring them to light. Having anointed us into a new life in Him, a life of service, He gives us the tools of the trade, the wisdom and knowledge from above with which we are able to withstand the wiles of the devil, and with which we are able to answer of our state in life. He gives us a sword sharper than any two-edged sword. Again David was able to praise God and say, "Thou art my lamp." The Lord is our light and His Word is our sword, our weapon with which we answer our accusers.

David was not ashamed to lay claim to the Spirit's anointing. He grasped it and used it. Christ also confessed He was come to fulfill the scripture and do His Father's work. We too must not be ashamed of the Spirit's work in us, else He will be ashamed of us before the Father.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The Holy Spirit enlightens and guides the children of God through the Scriptures.<sup>[SoF:8]</sup>

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<sup>[SoF:8]</sup> We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. <sup>[SoF:9]</sup> We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *FOR THOU ART MY LAMP, O LORD: AND THE LORD WILL LIGHTEN MY DARKNESS.* 2 Samuel 22:29

David praised God not only for the material blessings bestowed upon him but even more so for the blessings that cannot so readily be seen and instead must be felt and experienced. He recognized that God was the very source of his life. He acknowledged that God was the very source of his direction, and that God had lighted his ways and showed him where to go and what to do. He knew too, that there is not variability with God and that he is the strength of those who place their trust in Him. In God also is found grace and mercy and salvation.

As we think on these things what is our attitude toward God? Are we as thankful as David was? Are we as ready to recognize the very leading of God in our lives and especially His most precious gift of His Son as our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit to teach us and to be a lamp to lighten the darkness for us?

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 31 – June 6**

- M. \*The Spirit Illumines the Inspired Word. 2 Samuel 22:29-42
- T. \*The Spirit Speaks Through Chosen Channels. 2 Samuel 23:1-5
- W. The Spirit Anoints for Holy Service. Isaiah 61:1-9
- T. The Spirit Teaches the Things of God. John 14:16-26
- F. The Spirit Guides the Followers of Christ. John 16:4-15
- S. The Spirit Empowers for Christian Witnessing. Acts 1:1-8
- S. The Spirit Indwells for Holy Living. Romans 8:1-11