

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Currently in our examination of the Word of God, we are examining the reign of David - the man after God's own heart.
- \* We have seen that after God made an everlasting covenant with David, David fell into sin.
- \* David's family and, by extension, the nation felt the repercussions of David's sin. His sons struggled with a lack of self-control and a great portion of self-focus. David was forced to flee by the usurpation of Absalom. Now, Absalom was dead.
- \* Today, we consider David's return to Jerusalem - an event that is marked, and marred, by politics.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE IMPETUS FOR THE KING'S RETURN (v. 9-15)****A. The M\_\_\_\_\_ of the People (v. 9-10)****B. The M\_\_\_\_\_ of the King (v. 11-15)**

1. HIS COMMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_
2. HIS COMMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

**II. THE RESPONSE TO THE KING'S RETURN (v. 16-43)****A. By \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-23)**

1. HIS C \_\_\_\_\_
2. HIS P \_\_\_\_\_

**B. By \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24-30)**

1. HIS A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24)
2. HIS A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25-27)
3. HIS A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 27-30)

**C. By \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 31-40)**

1. DAVID'S INVITATION (v. 31-33)
2. BARZILLAI'S REQUEST (v. 34-40)

**D. By \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 41-43)****INTROSPECTION**

- \* HOW EASY IS IT FOR YOU TO "TAKE CHARGE OF THE SITUATION" AND FORGET TO ALLOW GOD TO LEAD?
- \* ARE YOU IN THE MIDST OF A SITUATION IN WHICH YOU NEED TO ASK GOD'S FORGIVENESS ... AND STEP ASIDE? IF SO, WILL YOU TALK TO GOD ABOUT IT NOW?
- \* HOW HAVE YOU BEEN TREATING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOYAL TO YOU?  
HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING THEIR LOYALTY FOR GRANTED? HAVE YOU DISRESPECTED THEM?
- \* IS YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE INFLUENCED BY THE GOALS THAT YOU ARE SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?