

INTRODUCTION

- * Recently in our examination of the Word of God, we have been considering the reign of David - the man after God's own heart.
- * After God made an everlasting covenant with David, David fell into sin.
- * Over the past three messages we have been considering the ripple effects of that sin through the insolence of Joab and the lack of self control of his sons, Amnon and Absalom.
- * Today, we continue looking at the effects of David's life upon the life of Absalom and how Absalom responded to them.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE CON_____ OF ABSALOM (15:1-12)****A. S_____ing the H_____ of the People (15:1-6)**

1. THE I_____ (v. 1; cf. 1 Sam 8:11; 1 Kg 1:5)

2. THE I_____ (v. 2-6; Eph 6:4)

B. S_____ing the S_____ of Key Personnel (15:7-12)

1. THE INNOCENT INVITEES FROM JERUSALEM (v. 11)

2. THE ESTEEMED ADVISOR FROM GILOH (v. 12)

II. THE CON_____ OF DAVID (15:13-16:14)**A. His F_____ (15:13)**

1. HIS ASS_____ OF THE SITUATION (15:14-15)

2. HIS ASS_____ OF FUGITIVES (15:16-16:4)
 - a. The Cherethites & Pelethites (15:18; cf. 2 Sam 8:18)
 - b. The Gittites (15:18-22)
 - c. The Priests & Levites (15:24-29)
 - d. The Archite - Hushai (15:30-37)
 - e. The Servant of Mephibosheth (16:1-4)

B. His F_____ (v. 15:25-16:14)

1. SEEN IN HIS RE_____ OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY (15:25-26)

2. SEEN IN HIS RE_____ (15:30)

3. SEEN IN HIS RE_____ TO THE INFORMATION REGARDING AHITHOPHEL (15:31-32; 17:15-22)

4. SEEN IN HIS RE_____ TO THE TAUNTING OF SHIMEI (16:5-14)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW DO YOU RESPOND WHEN THERE IS INJUSTICE IN YOUR LIFE?

DO YOU LOOK MORE LIKE ABSALOM OR DAVID?

- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL CHASTEN THOSE WHOM HE LOVES?

DO YOU REMEMBER A TIME WHEN HE HAS HAD TO CHASTEN YOU?

- * MOMS & DADS - ARE YOU PROVOKING OR NURTURING YOUR CHILDREN?

- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?