

II SAMUEL 16; May 1; Shimei Curses David

ANALYSIS:

1. Who brought a large quantity of food for David and his household as they fled from Absalom? _____
2. What false report did Ziba give to David concerning Mephibosheth? (Compare 19:24- 30) _____
3. Who was Shimei and what did he do toward David?

4. What greeting did Hushai meet Absalom with?

5. With what shameful act of sovereignty did Absalom insult David when he had entered Jerusalem? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David explained to Abishai and his servants that since his own son Absalom had rebelled against him, members of Saul's tribe, such as Shimei, had a reason to curse him. However, David expressed his firm hope in the LORD'S mercy to repay him good for the affliction he was suffering that day (vs 11-12). David knew that his sufferings were the result of his despising the commandments of the LORD (12:9-12).

Let us find hope and comfort in the shelter of Lamentations 3:22-23 during our trials. Let's memorize it!

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

HELP:

1. Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth (v 1).
2. Ziba falsely claimed Mephibosheth said, "Today shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father" (v 3).
3. Shimei was of the house of Saul, a Benjamite, who cursed David and threw stones and dust at him and his servants (vs 5-7).
4. "God save the king, God save the king" (v 16).
5. He went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel (v 22).