

The Life of King David
Lesson 19 – II Samuel

II Samuel Chapter 19 Student Questions

1. What did the people hear about David, and how did this affect the victory – 19:1,2?

2. How is the conduct of the people described in 19:3,4?

3. What did Joab say the people had done for David but how had he treated them – 19:5?

4. How did he describe how David viewed Absalom compared to the people – 19:6? (Think: Was Joab’s criticism valid? Explain.)

5. Application: What lessons should we learn about how we view the conduct of people who are close to us?

6. What did Joab tell David to do, and what would happen if he did not – 19:7?

7. So what did David do, and what did the people do – 19:8?

8. What dispute arose among the tribes of Israel – 19:9,10?

9. What message did David send to the priests – 19:11,12?

10. What other decision did David make recorded 19:13? What reason did he give?

11. Special Assignment: Why might this have been or not been a wise decision?

12. How did the men of Judah respond to David's message – 19:14,15?
13. What two men met David as he was returning – 19:16,17?
14. What confession and what request did Shimei make of David – 19:18-20? (Think: What wrong had Shimei done to David?)
15. Application: In what ways was Shimei's confession wise and in what ways was it not good?
16. What view did Abishai express regarding Shimei – 19:21?
17. What answer did David give to Abishai – 19:22? Explain his point.
18. What promise did David make to Shimei – 19:23? What punishment was later given (see cross-references)?
19. Who else met David – 19:24? How had he acted while David was gone?
20. What question did David ask him, and what answer did he give – 19:25-27? What accusation had Ziba made against him?
21. What request did Mephibosheth now make of David, and what reason did he give – 19:27,28
22. What verdict did David reach, and how did Mephibosheth respond – 19:29,30?

23. Special Assignment: Was David's decision fair? Explain your reasoning.
24. Who else met David at the Jordan – 19:31,32? What had this man done for David?
25. What offer did David make to him – 19:33?
26. How did Barzillai respond, and what reasons did he give – 19:34-36?
27. What request did Barzillai make, and what did David respond – 19:37,38?
28. Who then went with David across the Jordan, and who did not go – 19:39,40?
29. Who came to David, and what objection did they raise – 19:41?
30. What arguments did the two sides make for their claims – 19:42,43?
31. Application: Were the two sides reasonable in their arguments? What should we learn?