

Oak Hill Baptist Church
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2 Samuel 17:1-29

And the Advice Seemed Right

God had put David in place as the king. Ahithophel and Absalom were seeking what they wanted instead of what God wanted. Absalom's ambition and selfishness would lead to their downfall.

Where are you seeking and doing your own thing instead of doing what you know God wants you to do, and your own thing is causing you and others pain and difficulty?

Where are you not seeking God to help you and you keep having problems?

Deuteronomy 4:1-7

Moses Commands Obedience

4 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal-peor, for the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the Lord your God are all alive today. 5 See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?"

Vs 1-4 Ahithophel and Absalom are not seeking God, but they are making their own plans. Not only would God not honor this, but their selfishness and self-ambition would impact others around them in a bad way.

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.*

Ecclesiastes 5:1 *Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil.*

What are you doing in your own power instead of seeking God? Job, marriage, family, sin, big decisions? Friendships? Ministry? Kids? God will help you if you seek Him!

Matthew 7:7-11 *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"*

Vs 5-14 God has a plan for David to be protected. God influences David's enemies to listen to Hushai instead of Ahithophel.

Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve

God fights for us!

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART Prob 4:5-6

Hushai is trying to convince everyone that Absalom should go to the battle and they all should go and have a very large battle. This will buy David time and it will give David time to strategize and fight at a place that David chooses.

- God fights for his people.
- God protects His people.
- God is helping us even when we do not know He is helping us.

Exodus 14:14 *“The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”*

Romans 10:9-13 *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. 11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. 13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

Vs 15-20 Hushai immediately sends a message to David letting him know that danger is imminent and to cross the river to get safety.

Philippians 4:6-7 *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Vs 21-29 God was with David. Ahithophel’s council was not listened to. He got his house in order and then he hanged himself. He knew Absalom would be defeated and it would be his downfall.

- **God gives David provision.**
- **David leads in a godly way and David's people help him.**

Do you seek the Lord in your big and small decisions?

Do you put God first and live for Him, or do you seek glory for yourself?