

Oak Hill Baptist Church  
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## 2 Samuel 16:1-23

### The Lord Will Repay Me Good for His Cursing Today

- Do you trust in God's providence?
- Are you comfortable with God being sovereign over everything? What difficult situation in your life is God sovereign over, but you are not giving it to God?
- Where in life are you throwing a silly fit and looking silly instead of looking to God?
- What stress do you have right now in life that you need to trust God in?

**Vs 1-4 Mephibosheth, is the disabled grandson of Saul. He is the son of Jonathan.**

David had mercy on him and gave him a lot in the kingdom.

He sees David's hard situation as an opportunity to try to stake claim on the kingdom.

This is a game of thrones where everyone wants to be king.

**David treated others with kindness, respect, and provision. Now we see that others care for David and want to be with him and help him. God uses this to give provision to David and his men.**

**Are you kind and generous to others? Do you help others? Do you love God and love others?**

**Matthew 22:36-40** *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

### **JOY- 1. Jesus 2. Others 3. Yourself**

**Vs 5-8** Do you ever run into throwing a fit?

Do you ever throw a fit because you are mad or you want your way?

David saw someone being mean to him as part of what God had for Him. He did not try to get vengeance or fight him. He just took it and trusted the Lord.

Where do you need to just take it and not fight back and trust the Lord?

**Vs 9-14 David trusts God and His plan even when his son is trying to kill him.**

**When bad things happen in our life it might be:**

1. Other people's sin
2. Consequences for our Actions
3. An opportunity to love someone and show them Jesus

We get tired of being around someone throwing a fit, but it can be an opportunity to honor God and show others Jesus.

**Who do you need to do that with?**

**Who are you avoiding in life because they are hard instead of ministering to them?**

**Vs 15-19 Hushai answers in a clever way. Long live the king.**

*Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve*

**He is loyal to David and God answered a prayer for David to send him in as a spy.**

**God and the people choose David as their king.**

**Vs 20-23 Do you trust God's prophecy and plans?**

**David committed murder and sexual sin. David was told by God that he would be embarrassed by the sexual sin in his own house (2 Sam. 12:7-15).**

**2 Samuel 12:7-15** *Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. 8 And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'" 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die." 15 Then Nathan went to his house.*

**Ahithophel gives council to David's son Absalom. The council was to have sexual relations with Davids concubines. This would shame David, but these men thought it would show the world that Absalom is now the new king. God forbids this sin. This was terrible and wicked advice. God put David in place and God would protect David's kingdom.**

**Do you give godly advice? Do you seek out godly advice? Do you listen to foolish ungodly advice? What area of your life do you need to confess sin or get godly input? Who will you ask to give you wisdom and pray for you? God will help you in your problems. Ask Him for help now.**

**Deut 1:30** *The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you....*

**Deuteronomy 20:4** *For the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.*

**1 Tim 6:11-14** *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ....*