

DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Pastor's Bible Study 2019

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Episode 9: **POLITICS AND PRAYER**

2 Samuel 18:31-22

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1. What did Joab warn would happen if David didn't encourage the troops? (19:7)
2. What did David do in response to Joab's urgings? (19:8)
3. What was the attitude of Shimei, who had cursed David on his way out of the city? (19:19-20)
4. What was Mephibosheth's explanation of why he hadn't followed David when David retreated from the city? (19:26-27)
5. What challenges faced David as he resumed the kingship of both Israel and Judah?
6. How is mercy more conducive to building a strong consensus than vengeance?

7. What habits of thought and prayer can enable you to forgive a former enemy?

8. Who was the troublemaker who started another rebellion against David? (20:1)

9. Where did Joab and Abishai catch up with Sheba and begin a siege? (20:14-15)

10. How did one woman save the city of Abel Beth Maacah from attack? (20:16-22)

11. Who led the entire army after this rebellion was put down? (20:23)

12. Why was it in the best interests of David and Joab to let the rest of the troops go home once Sheba was dead?

13. How had the Gibeonites been wronged by Israel under Saul? (21:2)

14. What bargain did David propose to strike with the Gibeonites in exchange for their blessing on Israel? (21:3-4)

15. What price did the Gibeonites request to settle Israel's wrongs against them? (21:5-6)

16. How did God respond to David's gestures to right old wrongs? (21:14)

17. What events prompted David to compose this song of praise? (22:1)

18. How did David describe God's actions on his behalf? (22:17-20)

19. What aspect of God's nature does He make available to His people? (22:31-33)

20. What is David's word picture of a warrior of the Lord? (22:34-37)

21. What images did David use to express being in mortal danger? (22:5-7)

22. How did David characterize God's actions on his behalf in times of trouble? (22:2-4)

23. What conclusion did David draw from the fact that people fear and honor him?

24. What are some of the contrasts in this song of praise (such as darkness and light)?

25. What can we learn about David from the context of this prayer?

26. What might David's song of deliverance teach us about our own prayers?

27. Where do you see God's hand at work in the world today?