

Civil War Within the Household of God (Part 1)

2 Samuel 2

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Main Idea: Sin Divides Us

1.) Sin Leads Us Away

A.) Sin Leads Us Away From God's Place (v. 8)

Read **2 Samuel 2:8**

Genesis 32:1-2, "So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. **2** When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim."

Genesis 32:7-9, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." **7** So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies. And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape."

2 Tools We Need to Interpret Historical Narrative:

- i.) The Historical Narrative Rarely Offers Us Moral Commentary.
- ii.) Hebrew Historical Narrative Relies Heavily on Wordplay and Pictures.

1 Samuel 26:19, "sharing in the inheritance of the Lord, saying, 'Go, serve other gods!'"

B.) Sin Leads Us Away From God's People (v. 10-11)

Read 2 Samuel 2:10-11

Acts 7:51-53, "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. **52** Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, **53** who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."

C.) Sin Leads us Away From God's Purpose

D.) Sin Leads Us Away From God's Peace (v. 12-32)

Leviticus 19:18, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Psalms 133:1-3, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forevermore."