

The Gentle King

2 Samuel 3:17-39

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1.) Abner Offers a Hand (V. 6-21)

A.) Abner is No Hero

B.) Abner is No Fool

C.) Abner is No Liar

2 Samuel 3:12, "Whose is the land?" saying also, "Make your covenant with me, and indeed my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel to you." (v. 12)

2.) Joab Offers a Sword (V. 22-27)

_Read Verses 17-21

A.) Joab is a Violent Man

B.) Joab is a Deceitful Man

C.) Joab is a Vengeful Man

Is Joab Acting as the Avenger of Blood? No

i.) The Avenger of Blood Law Only Refers to Unlawful Killing

1 Kings 2:5, "Moreover you know also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed. And he shed the blood of war in peacetime..."

ii.) The Avenger of Blood Law Did Not Allow for Unmitigated Killing

iii.) The Narrator Has Already Demonstrated Abner's Innocence.

3.) David Offers a Picture of the Promise. (V. 28-39)

_Read Verses 28-39

A.) David Promotes Peace instead of Violence

v. 21, "he went in peace".

v. 22, "he has gone in peace,"

v. 23, "he has gone in peace."

v. 24, "so that he has already gone?"

B.) David Promotes Praise Instead of Vitriol

C.) David Promotes Patience Instead of Vengeance

v. 29, "Let it rest on the head of Joab and on all his father's house..."

v. 39, "...The Lord shall repay the evildoer according to his wickedness."

Application:

1.) The Lesson From Joab- Don't Despise a Lowly and Gentle King

2.) The Lesson From Abner- See the Writing on the Wall

3.) The Lesson From David- Jesus is Not Severe

Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."