

The Same Sad Story of Division

2 Samuel 20:1-22

Read 2 Samuel 19:43-20:2

1.) Withdrawal (V. 1-2)

Read verse 3.

2.) Widowhood (V. 3)

3.) Wallowing (V. 4-15)

2 Samuel 17:25

2 Samuel 19:13

20:6— "And David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom..."

Read verse 6

Read verse 7-8

Read verse 9

Read verse 10

Read verse 11

Read verse 12

5.) A Wise Woman (v. 16-22)

Read verses 14-15

Read verse 16

Read verse 17

Read verse 18

Read Deuteronomy 20:10-13

Read verse 19

Read verse 20

Read verse 21

Read verse 22

“Justly is that place attacked with all this fury which dares harbour a traitor; nor will that heart fare better which indulges those rebellious lusts that will not have Christ to reign over them. It seems, none of all the men of Abel, none of the elders or magistrates, offered to treat with Joab, no, not when they were reduced to the last extremity. They were stupid and unconcerned for the public safety, or they stood in awe of Sheba, or they despaired of gaining any good terms with Joab, or they had not sense enough to manage the treaty. But this one woman and her wisdom saved the city. Souls know no difference of sexes...She went to them in her wisdom (and perhaps she had as much need of it in dealing with them as in dealing with Joab) and persuaded them to cut off Sheba's head, probably by some public order of their government, and it was thrown over the wall to Joab... The public safety was secured, and he felt no wish to gratify the public revenge. Joab hereupon raised the siege, and marched back to Jerusalem” —Matthew Henry

Read Psalm 123