

Loyalty and Betrayal

All Scriptures are from the New American Standard Version (1977) unless otherwise indicated.

2 Samuel 15:23 While all the country was weeping with a loud voice, all the people passed over. The king also passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness.

2 Samuel 15:24-26 Now behold, Zadok also *came*, and all the Levites with him carrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar came up until all the people had finished passing from the city. **25** And the king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then He will bring me back again, and show me both it and His habitation. **26** "But if He should say thus, 'I have no delight in you,' behold, here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him."

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Daniel 3:17-18 "If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. **18** "But *even* if *He does* not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Job 13:15 "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him. Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him.

2 Corinthians 5:15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Samuel 15:27-28 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Are you *not* a seer? Return to the city in peace and your two sons with you, your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. **28** "See, I am going to wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

2 Samuel 15:29-31 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there. **30** And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and his head was covered and he walked barefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went. **31** Now someone told David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, make the counsel of Ahithophel foolishness."

2 Samuel 16:23 And the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, *was* as if one inquired of the word of God; so was all the advice of Ahithophel *regarded* by both David and Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:32 It happened as David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, that behold, Hushai the Archite met him with his coat torn, and dust on his head.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Job 42:6 Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes."

2 Samuel 15:33-34 And David said to him, "If you pass over with me, then you will be a burden to me. **34** "But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be your servant,' then you can thwart the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

2 Samuel 15:35-36 "And are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So it shall be that whatever you hear from the king's house, you shall report to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. **36** "Behold their two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send me everything that you hear."

2 Samuel 15:37 So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.