

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Jun 2018	.....2Sam 1-2	..... Respected
2) 10 Jun	.....2Sam 3-4	..... Crowned
3) 17 Jun	.....2Sam 5-6	..... Celebrated
4) 24 Jun	.....2Sam 7-8	..... Established
5) 01 Jul	.....2Sam 9-10	..... Valued
6) 08 Jul	.....2Sam 11-12	..... Accountable
7) 15 Jul	.....2Sam 13-14	..... Grieved
8) 22 Jul	.....2Sam 15-17	..... Deposed
9) 29 Jul	.....2Sam 18-19	..... Restored
10) 05 Aug	..... 2Sam 20	..... Averted
11) 12 Aug	.....2Sam 21	..... Resolved
12) 19 Aug	.....2Sam 22-23	..... Thankful
13) 26 Aug	.....2Sam 24	..... Disciplined

INTRODUCTION

- The drama back to the throne is not over yet. A second revolt must be put down, and Joab takes matters into his own hands once more and kills General Amasa for lingering too long.

Passage	Comments
2Samuel 20:1-12	<p>Sheba's Revolt & Amasa's Murder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Sheba is called a "worthless fellow" who stirred up a revolt against the returning king (calling people to their tents was a proverbial expression for a call to arms) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ From a church perspective, are all malcontents worthless souls? It depends from whose perspective. ♦ Church leaders must discern between immature or misguided congregants who need better training (e.g., Apollos in Acts 18:24-26), false teachers and agitators who are bent on their own selfish agenda ("ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing" – Mat 7:15), and dissenters who have biblical reasons to challenge authority (1Tim 5:19) • v3. Was David's decision to sequester the 10 concubines to live as widows appropriate & biblical? Bible is silent about David's action being right or wrong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider this. Having concubines was outside of God's ideal for marriage, so any subsequent actions by David would be short of being biblical as well whether he chose to sleep with them again or not. ♦ If a man's wife is raped by a relative is it appropriate & biblical to avoid intimacy till death do they part? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe • Consider this worst-case scenario. God told Hosea to fetch his wife, Gomer, a former harlot, from the clutches of other men and to love her once again, as an example of how God loved adulterous Israel • vv5-12. Amasa delayed his actions. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Joab would take Gen. Amasa's negligence to the extreme, but as the commanding general, wasn't Joab correct in dispensing judgment as he saw fit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
	20:13-22

Passage	Comments
20:23-26	<p>David's Kingdom Restored</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We end this chapter with a rendition of who is in charge of various divisions • All seems to be back to normal, at least that is the impression we are left with by the author of this book • Many scholars see the following 11 Psalms as being written by David to commemorate his thoughts, prayers, & hopes while on the run from his son: Psalms 3, 4, 5, 42, 43, 55, 62, 70, 71, 143, & 144
Highlights from Davidic Psalms When He was on the Run from Absalom	
Psalm 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. My enemies have increased • v3. You, O Lord, are a shield about me • v6. I will not be afraid of 10,000s of people
Psalm 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer • v3. The Lord hears when I call • v5. Offer sacrifices of righteousness (obey) & trust in the Lord
Psalm 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. In the morning I will order my prayer, then I will watch • v6. The Lord abhors the man of bloodshed & deceit • v10. Hold them guilty and let them fall by their own devices
Psalm 42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. My soul thirsts for God • v6. My soul is in despair; therefore, I will remember You • v9. Why have You, O God, forgotten me? | v11. Hope in God
Psalm 43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. Why have You rejected me? • v4. But upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God • v5. Hope in God
Psalm 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv2-3. I am restless & distracted because of my enemies • v17. I will pray in the morning, at noon, and in the evening • v22. God will never allow the righteous to be shaken
Psalm 62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. My soul waits on God in silence • v8. Trust in God at all times; pour out your heart to Him
Psalm 70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. God, hasten to deliver me • v5. I am afflicted & needy; do not delay
Psalm 71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Never let me be ashamed • v9. Do not cast me off in my old age • v14. I will praise you more and more • v21. May you increase my greatness
Psalm 143	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. No man living is righteous • v10. Teach me to do your will • v12. Destroy those who afflict my soul
Psalm 144	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. God trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle • v4. Man is just a breath • v15. How blessed are those who have God



CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- We always must consider the whole counsel of God when we wrestle with tough passages and silence from God
- Like David, whether in good times or bad, let's continue to go to God for help, comfort, and vindication.

NEXT WEEK: 2Samuel 21. God seeks justice for an injustice done on the Gibeonites by King Saul. It seems strange seven of Saul's sons and grandsons must be hanged for his failure.