

II SAMUEL: LESSON 10

X. DAVID'S TROUBLE WITH HIS SON ABSALOM (II Samuel 13:1-18:32).

- A. Absalom plots and commands Amnon's death as retribution for raping their sister, Tamar (13:1-39).
- B. Joab persuades David through the woman of Tekoa to bring Absalom back to Jerusalem (14:1-33).
- C. Absalom gains favor with with the people of Israel and seeks the kingdom, causing David to flee from Jerusalem (15:1-37).
- D. Deceiving Ziba brings mules and food for David and David blesses him with all that pertains to Mephibosheth (16:1-4).
- E. David humbly endures the cursing and stone throwing by Shimei (16:5-14).
- F. Hushai gains confidence of Absalom in Jerusalem in order to hear the counsel of Ahithophel (16:15-23).
- G. Ahithophel's counsel defeated by the better counsel of Hushai (17:1-27).
- H. David prepares his men for war against the approaching Absalom - Messengers tell David that Absalom's forces are defeated and that Absalom is killed (18:1-32).

QUESTIONS:

1. IDENTIFY:
 - a. Gesher
 - b. Woman of Tekoa
 - c. Ittai the Gittite
 - d. Ahithophel
 - e. Amasa
 - f. Mahanaim
2. From chapter 13, give a one-word description of sin?
3. What type of love did Amnon have for Tamar?

4. What factors could have contributed to David not suspecting that Absalom would harm Amnon?

5. What two points of Nathan's prophecy (II Sam. 12:11-12) were fulfilled in Absalom?

6. MATCHING:

- a. Tamar (1). manifested anger toward sin - but no correcting.
- b. Jonadab (2). sinned and did worse.
- c. Amnon (3). a friend in name only.
- d. Absalom (4). regarded chastity as honor.
- e. David (5). hid anger - but took action to correct it.

7. Describe David's attitude toward Absalom following Absalom's killing of Amnon?

8. After being ignored, how did Absalom obtain Joab's attention and entrance to see David's face?

9. What sign showed that David received Absalom again in good graces? 10.

How did Absalom steal the hearts of the men of Israel from David? 11.

Describe the manner in which David and his people left Jerusalem?

12. What was David's information network that allowed him to keep up with Absalom while David was out of Jerusalem?

13. What lie did Ziba tell David concerning Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth?

14. Why did David refrain from retaliating against the cursing Shimei? 15.

Give two reasons why Ahithophel's counsel was defeated?

16. While Absalom rode under a tree, his hair caught up in the branches suspending him in mid air. (T) (F)

17. How did Joab and his armor bearers disobey David?

18. Why had Absalom built for himself a monument?

19. Why did Joab not want to send Ahimaaz to report the victory over Absalom?