



A House Set in Order (Part 1): The King Returns to Israel (2 Sam 21-22)

Notes: Week Eleven

The Gibeonites Avenged - [2 Samuel 21:1-22](#)

Topics: [Armor](#), [Atonement](#), [Bargaining](#), [Blessing](#), [Children](#), [Compassion](#), [Death](#), [Devotion](#), [Family](#), [Grief](#), [Guilt](#), [Judgment](#), [Loyalty](#), [Mourning](#), [Persecution](#), [Prayer](#), [Protection](#), [Punishment](#), [Strength](#), [Suffering](#), [Swearing](#), [War](#), [Zeal](#)

Open It

1. *In your opinion how much does a leader or governor need to know about the history of the people he or she leads or governs?
2. In what ways do you feel the effects of the way your parents lived?
3. What characteristics make a person an honorable man or woman?

Explore It

4. Why was Israel suffering famine during David's reign? ([21:1](#))
5. How had the Gibeonites been wronged by Israel under Saul? ([21:2](#))
6. What bargain did David propose to strike with the Gibeonites in exchange for their blessing on Israel? ([21:3-4](#))
7. What price did the Gibeonites request to settle Israel's wrongs against them? ([21:5-6](#))
8. What oath did David have to take into consideration in meeting the Gibeonites' demands? ([21:7-9](#))
9. *How did the mother of two of the slain Israelites demonstrate her devotion and grief for the dead? ([21:10](#))
10. *What gesture of respect did David make toward Saul's family in response to Rizpah's devotion? ([21:11-14](#))
11. *How did God respond to David's gestures to right old wrongs? ([21:14](#))
12. What happened to David the next time he went out with his troops to fight the Philistines? ([21:15-16](#))
13. What new policy was established after Abishai rescued David from mortal danger? ([21:17](#))
14. How did Israel fare against the giant Philistine warriors, descendants of Rapha? ([21:18-22](#))

Get It

15. Based on the case of the Gibeonites, how seriously does God take our oaths, even those made to unbelievers?
16. How do unresolved sins come back to haunt us or successive generations?
17. As David got older, why was it more important to preserve his life than to have his leadership at the battlefield?
18. What delicate balance did David have to maintain as he made judgments on behalf of the nation?
19. *How were Rizpah's actions more effective than if she had made a verbal plea to the king?
20. Why is it unwise for a government to completely satisfy one party at the expense of another?
21. *In what sense are respect for the dead and justice for the living both ways of removing shame?

Apply It

22. What unresolved conflict should you address today in order to prosper spiritually in the future?
23. *What gesture of respect could help heal a damaged relationship?

David's Song of Praise - [2 Samuel 22:1-51](#)

Topics: [Anger](#), [Authority](#), [Darkness](#), [Death](#), [Dishonesty](#), [Enemies](#), [Evil](#), [Faithfulness](#), [Fear](#), [Foundation](#), [Freedom](#), [Help](#), [Holiness](#), [Honor](#), [Hopelessness](#), [Humility](#), [Kindness](#), [Light](#), [Name](#), [Obedience](#), [Perfect](#), [Praise](#), [Prayer](#), [Pride](#), [Protection](#), [Purity](#), [Righteousness](#), [Running](#), [Salvation](#), [Strength](#), [Victory](#), [Weaknesses](#)

Open It

1. What is your emotional response when you are honored by others? Why?
2. What kind of songs do you like to sing? When?
3. *Where do you see God's hand at work in the world today?

Explore It

4. *What events prompted David to compose this song of praise? ([22:1](#))
5. How did David characterize God's actions on his behalf in times of trouble? ([22:2-4](#))
6. What images did David use to express being in mortal danger? ([22:5-7](#))
7. What sort of creatures come to mind in David's description of God's anger? ([22:8-11](#))
8. What is the weather metaphor with which David described God's power? ([22:12-16](#))
9. *How did David describe God's actions on his behalf? ([22:17-20](#))
10. What are God's priorities for the behavior of His people? ([22:21-25](#))
11. In what way do people experience God to have traits like their own? ([22:26-28](#))
12. What images did David use to portray his supernatural strength with God's help? ([22:29-30](#))
13. *What aspect of God's nature does He make available to His people? ([22:31-33](#))
14. What is David's word picture of a warrior of the Lord? ([22:34-37](#))
15. What was the fate of David's enemies? ([22:38-43](#))
16. Because of God's help, how was David regarded by people near and far? ([22:44-46](#))
17. What are the reasons for David's resounding song of praise to God? ([22:47-51](#))

Get It

18. What aspects of God's character became the subject of David's song of praise?
19. What did David credit God with doing for him?
20. What are some of the images from nature that David used to describe God?
21. *What conclusion did David draw from the fact that people fear and honor him?
22. What are some of the contrasts in this song of praise (such as darkness and light)?
23. *In the course of this song, why did David praise God?

Apply It

24. *What psalm or hymn can you offer today in heartfelt thanksgiving to God?
25. How can you make your next success an opportunity to praise God for what He has done for you?