

Defeat of Absalom (2 Sam. 17:24-18:33)

17:24-29 – Absalom and Amasa pursue _____

- Amasa, Absalom's _____, part of the extended family
- God provides for _____ support in Mahanaim

18:1-8 – David's army _____ Israel

- David organizes his troops – but *deal _____ with Absalom for me*
- A decisive victory in the Forest of Ephraim

18:9-18 – _____ of Absalom

- Caught in a tree – killed by _____ who signals end of the battle
- Buried in a pit in the forest → all men of _____ go home

18:19-33 – Outcome _____ to David

- Two messengers: *Ahimaaz and the _____*
- David very _____ at hearing of Absalom's death

Take-Away

1. What to make of _____

- A _____ warrior. Very _____ to David
- Contrast: David _____ God
 - a) Joab _____ matters into his own _____
 - b) David failed to _____ Joab

A married man's 1st priority in ministry:

2. The _____ of Absalom

- His _____ → pride → above God's _____ → _____
Biblical worldview accepts God's _____ of Himself
Modern man _____ God's revelation; trusts his own _____
2 options: 1) Turn back to God; or 2) _____ (post-modernism)
Postmodern man _____ God's revelation **and** _____
Answer: the _____ truth of the Word of God (1 Tim 3:15)
- His path from pride to _____ (18:18 → 18:17)
Lk. 14:11 – *For _____ who exalts himself shall be humbled and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.*
17:4 → 17:14 – God _____ Absalom and _____ David

Discussion Questions – 2 Samuel 17-18

1. List the evidences of God's sovereignty in these last 3 chs. (16-18).

What is your response?

2. Give a simple explanation in your own words of the three worldviews presented today. Note the *major contrasts* between the views.

Biblical worldview

Modernism

Postmodernism

What are some challenges and opportunities we have in presenting the Biblical worldview (through our words and through our lives) in the increasingly postmodern world in which we live?

3. In the midst of his sins and failures, what are some specific ways we see David humbling himself through this difficult period?

Lesson(s) for us?

4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?