

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

August 11, 2024

Welcome!

Trust
in the
Lord
with all
your
Heart
Proverbs 3:5

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven"

Join us at 5:00pm for Bible Bowl practice over 2 Samuel 17 & 18!

And at...

6:00pm for worship in song

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Prayer List

Hunter Crouch is in need of another kidney transplant

John Hayes is home from the hospital

Robert Williams is recovering from a light stroke

Darinda Paul's cancer treatment plan is proceeding

Mamie Hamilton is still dealing with some pain.

Brian West is undergoing chemo for cancer

Continue to pray for: **Ronnie Mayo, Rebecca Brown, Donnie Garrett, Keith Walker** and family, **Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**



We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we continue our study from Galatians

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Jeff Baker

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Jearmie Gupton

Prayer:
Jearmie Gupton

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Dwight Pennington
II Samuel 18:31-32

Wait On Table:
Johnny Walker

Serve:
Doug Demonbreun
Mike Reed

Prayer:
Eddie Walker

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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C _____ for the Attack (17:1-23) - Absalom is first advised by his father's former counselor Ahithophel (15:12; 16:23), who wants to personally gather and lead an army of 12,000 men "tonight" (17:1) while David is still "weary and weak" (17:2). He suggests that all the people of David will flee, and he will be able to strike David alone. Then, he will be able to bring back the rest of the people to serve Absalom.

Ahithophel's advice "pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel" (17:4), but Absalom additionally seeks out the guidance of Hushai (David's spy - 15:32-37). Hushai rejects Ahithophel's counsel and instead suggests that Absalom gather a great army from "Dan to Beersheba" that will be "like the sand that is by the sea" (17:11). He advises that Absalom should personally lead the army and totally wipe out the army of David. In response, "Absalom and all the men of Israel" agreed that Hushai's advice was "better" (17:14). However, Hushai's true motivation in this guidance was to give David and his army time to refresh and regroup. This was God's plan to "defeat the good advice of Ahithophel" (15:31) and to "bring disaster on Absalom" (17:14).

Hushai tells Zadok and Abiathar (15:24-29) what has transpired and gives a message to be sent to David. They send word through Jonathan and Ahimaaz (sons of Abiathar of Zadok - 15:35-36), who go to great lengths to prevent being discovered by Absalom. The message to David is that he is to cross the Jordan River immediately. Upon receiving the message, David and his men cross under the cover of darkness. As this message is being sent, Ahithophel hangs himself upon learning that his advice will not be followed (17:23). This is likely because Hushai's strategy would fail and that he would never be reconciled to David.

C _____ in the Attack (17:24-18:5) - David continues to Mahanaim (2:8), seven miles east of the Jordan River. Absalom appoints Amasa as commander over his army (relative of both Joab and David) and leads them to Gilead on the east side of the Jordan River. David is welcomed in Mahanaim and receives food and refreshment for his men. David counts his troops and divides them into three companies commanded by Joab, Abishai, and Itta the Gittite (15:18-22). David wants to go with his army, but the people of Israel implore him to stay in the city as he is the real target. If he is killed, then everything they are fighting for would be in vain (18:3). David's final order to his army before battle is "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom" (18:5).

C _____ over Absalom (18:6-18) - The commanders engage Israel in battle within the "woods of Ephraim" (18:6). Even though the tribe of Ephraim had settled west of the Jordan River (Josh 17:15-18), this location must have been on the east side of the Jordan. David's army defeats the army of Israel and slaughters 20,000 men in one day (18:7). The denseness of the forest greatly aided David's army in defeating Israel (18:8).

Absalom, riding a donkey, is caught by his head in a terebinth tree (possibly by his hair - 14:26). A man from David's army sees Absalom and tells Joab. Joab questions why the man did not strike down Absalom and says he would have given him 10 shekels of silver and a belt. The man answered that no amount of money would have compelled him to disobey the king's orders concerning Absalom. Joab thrusts three spears through Absalom's heart, and 10 young armor bears of Joab join him in killing Absalom. Joab blows a trumpet to signal the end of the battle, and they bury Absalom in a pit in the forest. Israel's army flees to their tents. A short flashback summary after Absalom's death recalls that he had raised a pillar for himself in the King's Valley (Genesis 14:17) to keep his name because he said, "I have no son...". Absalom had three sons (14:27), so this must mean that either it was erected before his sons were born or that they all died.

C _____ regarding Absalom (18:19-32) - After the battle Ahimaaz wants to run and tell the king of the victory. Joab refuses him (perhaps to spare his life), because the king's son is dead. Joab enlists a Cushite to take the news to David. Ahimaaz follows the Cushite and outruns him. A watchman at the city where David is sitting between the gates sees both men running. Ahimaaz delivers the news of victory to David. David asks about Absalom, the "young man". Ahimaaz answers that he is not sure what has happened (unclear of whether this is true or not - 18:20 could be the narrator's comment rather than Joab to Ahimaaz). When the Cushite arrives, David asks him the same question about Absalom. The Cushite answers "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like that young man!"