

# Week 5: David and Absalom

**Title:** David and Absalom

**Objective:**

- Amnon and Tamar
  - Love Vs lust
  - Lust blinds and wipes the mind
  - Ungodly friendship and advise
  - Sin brings hatred and more sin
- David's corrupt children
  - Adultery
  - Murder
  - Treason
- David is still a man according to God's own heart

**Resources:**

- [Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary](#)
- [Catena Bible Commentary](#)
- [Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study \(Arabic\)](#)

**Reading:**

- General
  - 2 Samuel 13-18
- Specific
  - Read and explain 2 Samuel 13:1-22 (Amnon and Tamar)
  - Read and explain 2 Samuel 13:23-39 (Absalom murders Amnon)
  - Summarize 2 Samuel 14:1-24 (Absalom returns to Jerusalem)
  - Read and explain 2 Samuel 14:25-33 (David forgives Absalom)
  - Read and explain 2 Samuel 14:1-12 (Absalom's treason)
  - Summarize 2 Samuel 14:13-37
  - Summarize 2 Samuel 15:1-14
  - Read and explain 2 Samuel 15:15-16:29 (The council of Ahithophel)
  - Summarize 2 Samuel 17:1-18 (Absalom's death)
  - Read and explain 2 Samuel 17:19-33 (David hears of Absalom's death)
  - Summarize 2 Samuel 18 (David's return to Jerusalem and the quarrel against him)

**Key verse(s):**

- "Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. " 2 Samuel 13:15

### **Comments:**

### **Review questions:**

1. How did Amnon feel after sinning with Tamar?
2. What was Absalom's plan to kill Amnon?
3. How did Joab send the message about bringing back Absalom to the king?
4. What did Absalom do to Joab? Why?
5. What did Absalom do to prepare for his plan against his father David?
6. Was Ittai faithful to David? Give verse of proof.
7. Did David listen to Abishai the son of Zeruiah? Why?
8. How was the counsel of Ahithophel described?
9. Sin always appeals to the flesh at the beginning. But at the end, the result of sin is bitter and myrrh... Prove that from the story of the sin from Amnon.
10. If David was furious about what Amnon have done why didn't he do something about it?
11. Why did Joab the son of Zeruiah make up a story from the mouth of the woman of Tekoa?
12. Why was Absalom looking forward to meeting Joab?
13. Prove that David had no suspicion against his son Absalom. (v.14)
14. At the time of trouble, David was very compassionate to others' needs. Discuss this and mention a verse
15. Why did David think that Shimei curses might have come from God?
16. What was the counsel of Ahithophel to Absalom? Why?

### **Homework:**

1. Absalom was: a) the son of David b) the brother of Tamar c) the brother of Ammon d) all of these
2. Absalom had Ammon killed while he was doing what?  
a) sleeping b) on a trip c) fighting the Ammonites d) drunk at a party
3. What did Absalom do to get Joab's attention?  
a) went to his house b) set his field on fire c) sent him presents d) yelled at him
4. Who did Joab sent to talk to David?  
a) Absalom b) a woman from Tekoa c) one of his servants d) Tamar
5. Hushai was David's: a) priest b) friend c) head of army d) counselor
6. When David fled out of Jerusalem, he left Hushai the Archite to confound the counsel of whom?  
a) Ittai b) Ziba c) Shimei d) Ahithophel
7. Ziba met David with: a) donkeys b) bread c) raisins d) all of these
8. Who threw stones at David? a) Absalom b) Ziba c) Shimei d) Abishai
9. Who was Tamar?
10. Where did Absalom go and hide himself?
11. How does the Bible describe Absalom?
12. How long did Absalom stay in Jerusalem without seeing his father?
13. What did Absalom like to be as mentioned in the first 6 verses?

14. What did Absalom say to David about his intention to visit Hebron?
  15. What did Ziba bring to David?
  16. What was Shimei doing to David and all his servants?
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