

TRIUMPHS
AND TRIALS
of the
KING



Help for the Humble

2 SAMUEL 16:1–14, Psalm 3



Why do we take such delight in others' suffering?



2 Samuel 16

16 When David had gone a little beyond the summit, Ziba, Mephibosheth's servant, was right there to meet him. He had a pair of saddled donkeys loaded with two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred bunches of summer fruit, and a clay jar of wine.

2 The king said to Ziba, "Why do you have these?"

Ziba answered, "The donkeys are for the king's household



2 Samuel 16

3 "Where is your master's grandson?" the king asked.

"Why, he's staying in Jerusalem," Ziba replied to the king, "for he said, 'Today, the house of Israel will restore my grandfather's kingdom to me.' "

4 The king said to Ziba, "All that belongs to Mephibosheth is now yours!"



"I bow before you," Ziba said. "May I find favor with you, my



Help for the humble

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
he will not execute justice by what he hears with his ears,
but he will judge the poor righteously.

Isaiah 11:3-4

God is my helper; the Lord is the sustainer of my life.



Psalm 54:4



2 Samuel 16

5 When King David got to Bahurim, a man belonging to the family of the house of Saul was just coming out. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he was yelling curses as he approached.

6 He threw stones at David and at all the royal servants, the people and the warriors on David's right and left.



2 Samuel 16

7 Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of bloodshed, you wicked man! 8 The LORD has paid you back for all the blood of the house of Saul in whose place you became king, and the LORD has handed the kingdom over to your son Absalom. Look, you are in trouble because you're a man of bloodshed!"



9 Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should

2 Samuel 16

10 The king replied, “Sons of Zeruiah, do we agree on anything? He curses me this way because the LORD told him, ‘Curse David!’ Therefore, who can say, ‘Why did you do that?’ ” 11 Then David said to Abishai and all his servants, “Look, my own son, my own flesh and blood, intends to take my life—how much more now this Benjaminite! Leave him alone and let him curse me; the


LORD has told him to.



2 Samuel 16

12 Perhaps the LORD will see my affliction and restore goodness to me instead of Shimei's curses today."

13 So David and his men proceeded along the road as Shimei was going along the ridge of the hill opposite him.

As Shimei went, he cursed David, threw stones at him, and  kicked up dust. 14 Finally, the king and all the people with

Mercy for the humble

Should we accept only good from God
and not adversity?

Job 2:10

The Lord disciplines the one he loves.

Hebrews 12:6



Psalm 3: Confidence in Troubled Times

1 LORD, how my foes increase!

There are many who attack me.

2 Many say about me,

“There is no help for him in God.” Selah



Psalm 3: Confidence in Troubled Times

3 But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

4 I cry aloud to the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy mountain. Selah



Psalm 3: Confidence in Troubled Times

5 I lie down and sleep;

I wake again because the LORD sustains me.

6 I will not be afraid of thousands of people

who have taken their stand against me on every side.



Psalm 3: Confidence in Troubled Times

7 Rise up, LORD!

Save me, my God!

You strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Salvation belongs to the LORD;

may your blessing be on your people. Selah

