

INTRODUCTION

- A. DAVID'S DISASTER: CONTAMINATION** (12:10,11; c.13-20 /Rom.5:12; 1Cor.5:6; 1Tm.4:16 /Ezk.18:14f)
- B. ABSALOM'S EXILE: CONFESSION** (13:37f; see Dt.22:28f; 19:6; see 1Kngs.2:5)
- C. DAVID'S AMBIGUITY: CONFLICTED** (13:39; 14:1)
- D. JOAB'S STRATEGY: CONVINCED** (14:1f,20f)
- E. MOTHER'S LOVE: CONTEND** (6; see 4,15; see 1Kngs.3:26)

I. DILEMMA: JUSTICE OR MERCY?

- A. THE AVENGER OF BLOOD** (11a; see 7,15; see Gen.9:6; Ex.21:12f)
- B. THE END OF RETRIBUTION** (7b,11b; 14b; see 2:26; see Ezk.18:23; 33:11; 2Cor.2:6f)

II. DEVICES: A CLEAR EXAMPLE APPLIED (4-17; *judicial parable*, see 12:1f)

- A. COMPASSION** (4-8; see 15-17; see Lk.7:12f)
- B. COMMUNION** (9,10; see 1Sam.25:24; Rom.9:3f; see 2Cor.5:21)
- C. COMPULSION** (11; see 1Sam.20:15,16; 24:22)
- D. CONVICTION** (12-14; see 12:7)

III. LESSONS FOR BELIEVING & DOING

- A. BE A WISE WOMAN OR SEEK THEIR HELP!** (14:2f; 20:16,22; see 1Sam.25:3f; 18f,24,33; Prov.31:10f; see Lk.8:1f; 24:1f; 1Tm.3:11)
- B. DON'T CONTAMINATE YOUR CHILDREN BY YOUR SINS!** (12:10,11; c.13-20; see Rom.5:12; 1Cor.5:6; 1Tm.4:16; see Ezk.18:14f)
- C. PUT AN END TO ENDLESS RETALIATION BY PROBATIONARY PEACE!** (14:11&14,21f; see 33 w/Lk.15:20,17f; 17:3f; 2Cor.2:6f; see Rom.2:4; see 2Sam.14:25f; c.15-18; see 1Kngs.2:36f,39f)
- D. CONTEND FOR YOUR CHILDREN!** (14:2f /Mt.15:22; Lk.18:1f, 15f; Gen32:26; see Lk2:26 /Monica, Augustine)