



THE ROAD BACK HOME

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MORNING READING

Psalm 116:1-8 King James Version

1 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. **5** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

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MAIN READING

2Samuel:17 Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. **2** I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him [a]fraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king. **3** Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will

be at peace.” 4 And the saying pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

The Advice of Hushai 5 Then Absalom said, “Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too.” 6 And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, “Ahithophel has spoken in this manner. Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up.” 7 So Hushai said to Absalom: “The advice that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time.

8 For,” said Hushai, “you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are enraged in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father is a man of war, and will not camp with the people. **9** Surely by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some other place. And it will be, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears it will say, ‘There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.’”

10 And even he who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men. **11** Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person. **12** So we will come upon him in some place where he may be found, and we will fall on him as

the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who are with him there shall not be left so much as one. 13

Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city; and we will pull it into the river, until there is not one small stone found there.”

14 So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.”

For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom.

2 Samuel 18 New King James Version

18:1 David numbered the fighting men and put them under his three main generals, Joab, Abishai, and Zeruiah (Joab's brother.)

2 Samuel 18: 4-15 New King James Version

Absalom's Defeat and Death

4 Then the king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you I will do." So the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning

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6 So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And the battle was in the woods of Ephraim. **7** The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day. **8** For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which was under him went on. **10** Now a certain man saw it and told Joab, and said, “I just saw Absalom hanging in a terebinth tree!”

14 Then Joab said, “I cannot linger with you.” And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom’s heart, while he was still alive in the midst of the terebinth tree. **15** And ten young men who bore Joab’s armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him.

New International Version

9 What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

2 Samuel 12:24 English Standard Version

Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him.

2 Samuel 12:10 English Standard Version

Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

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2ND SAMUEL 18:1

David numbered the fighting men and put them under his three main generals, Joab, Abishai, and Zeruiah (Joab's brother.)

David wanted to go to the battle with them, but the people would not allow it, for David was valuable to them.