

II SAMUEL 3; April 18; David Mourns Abner's Death

ANALYSIS:

1. How many of David's wives named here bore him sons? _____
2. What did Abner promise David if he would make a league with him?

3. What was the first thing David required of Abner before making a league with him? _____
4. Why did Joab and Abishai kill Abner? _____
5. What did David do that proved he did not approve of Joab killing Abner? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David, in righteous indignation, pronounces a serious judgment on Joab and his house for his wicked murder of Abner. The five-fold prophecy foretold that Joab's descendents would all suffer from either an issue, leprosy, weakness or being a cripple, falling on the sword or lacking bread. What a price came with Joab's treacherous and unjustified blood feud with Abner over the death of Asahel.

Let us hear what our Lord says to us about unforgiveness. "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." Jam 3:14-18. Are you a hate monger, or a peace maker?

HELP:

1. Six wives (vs 2-5).
2. Abner promised to bring all Israel to be under David (v 12).
3. Return Michal, David's first wife to him (v 13).
4. Because Abner had slain their brother Asahel in battle (v 30).
5. David said he and his kingdom were guiltless before the LORD from the blood of Abner, David ordered Joab and all the people to rend their clothes over this death, David followed the bier, David wept at the grace, David lamented over Abner, David refused to eat anything during the day of the burial, David said a great man had fallen that day in Israel. David said the LORD would reward the murderer (vs 28-39).