

## SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

**Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.**

### **January 8, 2022** David Returns to Jerusalem - [2 Samuel 19:9-43](#)

#### **Open It**

1. What do you do when you have to judge between two completely different reports of the same incident?
2. What, in your opinion, is the right balance between justice and mercy for criminals?

#### **Explore It**

3. What was the sentiment among the Israelites who had fled to their homes after the death of their leader, Absalom? ([19:9-10](#))
4. How did David communicate to the leaders in Jerusalem his readiness to return? ([19:11](#))
5. To what did David appeal to get the leaders to name him king once again? ([19:12](#))
6. What special message did David send to Amasa, Absalom's general? ([19:13](#))
7. What was the effect of David's overtures to the people of Israel and their leaders? ([19:14](#))
8. Who were the people who rushed to meet David and offer their assistance as he returned from exile? ([19:16-18](#))
9. What was the attitude of Shimei, who had cursed David on his way out of the city? ([19:19-20](#))
10. How did Abishai think Shimei should be treated now that David was victorious? ([19:21](#))
11. Why did David rebuke Abishai? ([19:22](#))
12. What promise did David make to Shimei? ([19:23](#))
13. Who came to meet David in an attitude of mourning and waiting? ([19:24](#))
14. What was Mephibosheth's explanation of why he hadn't followed David when David retreated from the city? ([19:26-27](#))
15. How did David's reaction to Mephibosheth indicate that he wasn't sure whom to believe? ([19:29](#))

16. Why was David eager to reward Barzillai the Gileadite? ([19:31-33](#))
17. Why was Barzillai not eager to accept the king's generosity for himself? ([19:34-37](#))
18. Whom did Barzillai ask David to reward in his stead? ([19:38](#))
19. Which of the troops from the previous fighting were with David when he crossed the Jordan? ([19:40](#))
20. How would you characterize the disputing between the people of Israel and Judah once the kingship was restored? ([19:41-43](#))

### **Get It**

21. What challenges faced David as he resumed the kingship of both Israel and Judah?
22. How many decisions did David have to make as soon as the outcome of the rebellion was settled?
23. From a position of power is it more difficult to deal with friends or enemies? Why?
24. Why do we want to be identified with the winner, even if we weren't initially on his or her side?
25. Why are there such differences between the various historical accounts of the same war?
26. How is mercy more conducive to building a strong consensus than vengeance?
27. What's most difficult for you when it comes to granting mercy?

### **Apply It**

28. What judgments will you have to make in the coming week for which you could seek wisdom from God?
29. What habits of thought and prayer can enable you to forgive a former enemy?