**2 Sam. 16:1-14**

**2Sa 16:2**  And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

**Honorarium:** a payment given for professional services that are rendered nominally without charge.

1. **The Weeping**

As the King left Jerusalem on behalf of the betrayal of his son Absolem:

\***2Sa 15:23**  And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

\*Note(s): The separations caused by misplaced loyalties within God’s Kingdom still causes MUCH weeping today!

**2Sa 15:30**  And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

**This, also, being a foreshadowing of Christ, who, on the same Mount of Olives, both WEPT and cried tears as it were great drops of blood, and in the same place was betrayed by one of His own disciples. Misplaced loyalty. (Luke 22)**

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1. **The Weariness**

2Sa 16:13  And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

\*2 **Sa 16:14**  And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary

**Luk 22:45**  And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow [heaviness],

Luk 22:46  And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

**Luk 22:47**  And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

Luk 22:48  But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

**Luk 23:33**  And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

**\*Have you ever been exhausted due to the heaviness of the spiritual warfare?**

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1. **The Winning**

\* **2Sa 16:1**  And when David was a little past the top *of the hill,* behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2Sa 16:2  And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

**2Sa 16:14**  And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

**Could this season in David’s Life have inspired Psalm 23?**

Psa 23:1  A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2  He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3  He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4  Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5  Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6  Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**CONCLUSION:**

**2Sa 15:25**  And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me *both* it, and his habitation:

**From the Cradle to the Cross to the Crown went Jesus, and so goes all His children!**

Isa\_31:4  For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

Mic\_4:7  And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

**Psa 30:5**  For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

WHAT HONOR IS IN THIS, YOU MAY ASK? CAN YOU SEE IT NOW???

**Psa 121:1**  **A Song of degrees.** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Psa 121:2  My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

Psa 121:3  He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psa 121:4  Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Psa 121:5  The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

Psa 121:6  The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Psa 121:7  The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

Psa 121:8  The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.