

Is the Young Man Absalom Safe?

2 Samuel 18

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- David cried out, *"Is the young man Absalom safe?"*
- This young man was **not** safe. His life ended in utter humiliation and destruction. He was not safe, and there are definite reasons why. Let's look at those reasons this morning, and learn from his mistakes.

First, Absalom was not safe because he had nowhere to turn for _____.

- Absalom was suspended between heaven and earth. Nobody in _____ could help him, because he had alienated himself from the God who loved him. Nobody on _____ was there to help him in that moment.
- You are not like Absalom today. You can turn to Christ today for help, and He will give you eternal _____. He will give you victory over sin and death!
- *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."* **John 10:28**
- *"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."* **Romans 5:21**
- *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* **Romans 6:23**

Second, Absalom was not safe because he trusted in his outward _____.

- I believe there will be many shocked people standing before the Lord on Judgment Day.

- *"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* **Matthew 7:22-23**
- *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* **Ephesians 2:8-9**

Third, Absalom was not safe because he rejected his father's unfailing _____.

- God desires for every person to be _____ in Christ.
- *"The Lord is not... willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* **2 Peter 3:9**
- *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* **John 3:16**
- What unfailing love God has shown to you and me.
- The very heartbeat of God is to see people saved and brought into a _____ relationship with Him. This is why Jesus came to earth.
- *"This is a faithful saying... that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."* **1 Timothy 1:15**