

THE RETURN OF THE KING: ARE YOU READY?

2 SAMUEL 19

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- King David had been forced to flee into the wilderness, but now it was time for the King to return to the throne of his kingdom. vs. 15
- In so many ways, David is a _____ of the King of kings – Jesus Christ.
- Are you ready for this King's return? Are you prepared?
- How can we prepare to meet the King, Jesus Christ?

First, possess an attitude of _____ and repentance.

- As David returned, the first person that ran out to meet him was Shimei. He was the one that had previously cursed at David and threw stones at him. 16:13
- Shimei deserved to die. But, because of his repentance, he was spared from _____ and given life. vs. 18-23
- Did you know, like Shimei, we deserve _____ because we have offended **the** King, Jesus Christ?
- *"For all have sinned, and come **short** of the glory of God."*
Romans 3:23
- *"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become **guilty** before God."* **Romans 3:19**
- Like Shimei, we too can be _____ from the wrath of the King. How?
- *"In whom [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of _____."* **Colossians 1:14**

- *"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him [Christ], having forgiven you _____ trespasses." Colossians 2:13*

Second, live in anticipation of His _____.

- Do you remember Mephibosheth? He was the crippled man that David showed mercy to. 9:7
- Mephibosheth was _____ to the King and lived in anticipation of His return. vs. 24–30
- We should be looking for and _____ to see our Savior.
- *"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:8*

Third, remember, your faithfulness will be _____.

- Another person that met David when he returned was an elderly man by the name of Barzillai. vs. 32; cf. 17:27-29
- Barzillai is an example of a man who was a _____ steward and continued to be faithful until his King returned.
- Even on his deathbed, David remembered Barzillai's faithfulness and told Solomon to show kindness to his sons. 1 Kings 2:7
- Did you know our King, Jesus Christ, also notices and _____ faithfulness?
- Maybe you have been discouraged lately. Maybe you have felt like quitting and throwing in the towel. Don't do it! Remember, your King could _____ at any moment.
- When we are tempted to _____, we must remember Christ.