



II Samuel 13:23-39

“Revenge or Restoration”

2 Samuel 13:23-39

Intro:

Revenge is usually well *thought* out and planned. It is seldom a *spur* of the moment reaction.

Absalom waited two *years* to get *revenge* from his older half-brother for the rape of *Tamar*.

Once again David was caught *off guard* concerning the purpose of Absalom's request.

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Like David, Absalom had his *servants* kill Amnon. It was a *cowardly*, evil action.

The *fallout* was:

- 1.** The other sons *feared* Absalom would kill them and took off for Jerusalem,
- 2.** Absalom fled to *Geshur*, the home of his mother, *Maacah*, the daughter of the king.

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I. Revenge; What is it?

In the *Pentateuch* God gives guidelines regarding the use of *revenge*,

- 1.** It is *never* to be individually implemented,
- 2.** They are given to *restrain* man’s vindictiveness,
Ex. 21, Lev. 24, Deut. 19.
- 3.** It is something He alone administers, Prov. 20,
Deut. 32.

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II. Our Response to Revenge

Seeking *revenge* is part and parcel to our fallen nature.

Three general attitudes to help us *defeat* the desire for *revenge*:

1. Don't *resist* an evil person, **Vs. 39**. Don't *retaliate*.
2. Practice *generosity*, **Vs. 42**. Along with discernment.
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By loving our *enemies* we become like our Father in heaven. **Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:19.**

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Four things to show love instead of *revenge*:

- 1.** Don't respond to *insults*, don't retaliate, **Vs. 39.**
Prov. 12:6; 1 Peter 3:9
- 2.** Do more than what's *required* for reconciliation,
vs. 40. Lk. 19:8
- 3.** Treat mistreaters with *kindness*, **Vs. 41, Col.**
3:23.
- 4.** Don't show *favoritism*, **Vs. 42.** Not just our
money, but in every area of our life.

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Our job is to seek reconciliation
through love,

And let God deal with *vengeance!*