

"Carpe Diem" 2 Samuel 20:1-26

Intro: Carpe Diem is Latin for, "Seize the Day".

In both Ephesians and Colossians we have a *similar* phrase, "*Redeem* the time". Eph. 5:16, Col. 4:5.

Carpe Diem can be done in a way that *dishonors* God.

In the last part of Ch. 19 we notice that *tribal* rivalry and dissention is still alive.

At the time of this *narrative* David is a relatively *old* man.

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A. Sheba Seizes the Day

Vss. 1-6, 14-22

Sheba is called a worthless man, (Dead Dog). The word in Hebrew is "Son of Belial", a morally and spiritually corrupt person.

Sheba *Seized* the Day by taking advantage of the *chaos* that persisted and attempted a *coup*.

Three prohibitions in Israel:

- 1. You didn't murder. No sanctuary if you did. Ex. 20.
- 2. You didn't worship idols. Ex. 20
- **3.**You didn't *rebel* against God's *anointed* leaders.

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B. Joab Seizes the Day Vss. 7-13

David chooses Amasa to lead the *pursuit* over Joab due to Joab's *disobedience* in killing Absalom.

Joab *murders* Amasa in order to get his *job* as commander back. He is a *ruthless* individual who uses killing as a way to *seize* what he wants.

David's *inability* to deal with/control Joab is probably linked to Uriah's *murder*.

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C. Seize or Receive

David's *demonstration* of faith was in his waiting on God's timing for him to *receive* the throne of Israel.

Three consequences to our seizing instead of receiving;

- **1.**When we seize, others *suffer*;
- **2.**When we seize, we *lose*;
- **3.**We can seize *against* or in the *name* of God's anointed.

If we have no *portion* in the Son of Jesse, God's anointed, we will have no *portion* in the life to come.