

“How Is Your Home”

2 Samuel 23:1-5

Introduction: In the context of the Scripture, we see the last words of David. Last words are the most important words of people because it is a brief discourse of their life lived on the earth. This is the case in the words of David. The sweet psalmist reflects over his life and shares with hearers his pleasant life with the Lord. Notice:

1. The Song of David v. 1- *“Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,”*
2. The Speech of David v. 2- *“The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue”*
3. The Saviour of David v. 3- *“The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God”*
4. The Sight of David v. 4- *“And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain”*
5. The Sorrows of David v. 5- *“Although my house be not so with God...”*

Body: It is amazing that in the last words of David, after offering a great description of the Lord, he refers to his house being out of order. Certainly, our homes can be heaven on earth or it can be troublesome to our daily lives. David did not have a happy home that he could live in at the close of his life. What were the problems in David’s home that made it unhappy?

- I. He Had Sensual Cravings
- II. He Had A Stubborn Companion
- III. He Had Straying Children

I. He Had Sensual Cravings 2 Samuel 11:1-5

A. Notice how David:

1. Lingered v. 1
2. Looked v. 2
3. Lusted v. 3
4. Laid v. 4
5. Lost 12:18

B. David had:

1. Wandering Eyes 11:2
2. Wanton Eyes 11:2
3. Weeping Eyes 12:15-18

C. How many wives did David have? (1 Chronicles 3)

1. Ahinoam the Jezreelitess
 - a. She bare Amnon
2. Abigail the Carmelitess
 - a. She bare Daniel

3. Maachah the daughter of King Talmai king of Geshur
 - a. She bare Absalom
 4. Haggith
 - a. She bare Adonijah
 5. Abital
 - a. She bare Shephatiah
 6. Eglah
 - a. She bare Ithream
 7. Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel (Bathsheba)
 - a. She bare Shimea
 - b. She bare Shobab
 - c. She bare Nathan
 - d. She bare Solomon
 8. Michal
 - David's other sons were Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet. (nine)
 - David had 19 sons and one daughter by various women.
 - 1 Chronicles 3:9- *"These were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister."*
- D. Statistics on Adultery in America:
1. II Peter 2:14- *"Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:"*
 2. 23% of men and 19% of women admit to being unfaithful.
 3. 42% Percent of marriages in America have experienced infidelity.
 4. 36% Percentage of men and women who admit to having an affair with a co-worker.
 5. 35% Percentage of men and women who admit to infidelity on business trips.
 6. Two years is the average length of an affair.
 7. In many cases, infidelity never gets discovered.
 8. 74% Percentage of men who say they would have an affair if they knew they would never get caught.
 9. 68% Percentage of women who say they would have an affair if they knew they would never get caught.
 10. Research consistently shows that 2 to 3% of all children are the product of infidelity
 11. 4 out of 10 Americans believe that adultery is morally acceptable.
 12. Ten percent of extramarital affairs are "one night stands;" ten percent last more than one day, but less than a month; half of all affairs last more than a month but less than a year; and 40 percent last two or more years.
 13. Back in the 1960's it was usually the husband who was unfaithful. Today, researchers are finding that women are just as likely as men to have an affair.
 14. A recent University of Chicago study discovered that a third of all marriages end in divorce because of an affair.
 15. Infidelity is becoming more common among people under 30. Many experts believe this increase in cheating is due to greater opportunity (time spent away

from a spouse) and young people developing the habit of having multiple sexual partners before they get married.

16. Emotionally, it is possible to have feelings for more than one person at a time. Almost everyone admits to having fantasies that involve someone other than a spouse. Unfortunately, many people find a more suitable mate (someone they love more than their spouse) *after* they are already married.
 17. As more and more women enter the work force, "office romances" are becoming more common. Spouses often spend more time with coworkers than with each other.
 18. The internet, e-mail, and chat rooms are making it easier for people to engage in infidelity. The initial decision to be unfaithful is rarely ever a rational choice; instead infidelity is usually driven by circumstances and one's emotions. In fact, most people are surprised by their own behavior at the start of an affair.
 19. Some feel that they will never get caught.
 - a. Job 24:15- *"The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face."*
 - b. What did the LORD tell David?
 - c. 2 Samuel 12:12- *"For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun."*
 - d. Proverbs 6:33- *"A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away."*
 - e. Hebrews 13:4- *"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."*
- E. 10 Ways to Know If She is Cheating on You:
1. If she accuses her man of cheating. It diverts her guilt.
 2. She starts dolling herself up. She starts taking hours to get ready. When she used to put her hair in a ponytail to go to the grocery store, but now she is putting on makeup, she might be cheating.
 - a. Proverbs 7:10- *"And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart."*
 - b. II Kings 9:30- *"And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window."*
 3. She tells her husband that she needs space. It may be because she wants to go do her own thing with someone else.
 4. She drops hints that she is not happy. She needs more from you. If their partner does not fulfill her desires, she will go looking elsewhere. If you are not romancing your woman, someone else is.
 5. She suddenly has a new BFF. She starts hanging out with other people living the single life.
 6. She changes her plans suddenly for no reason.
 7. If someone approaches you and tells you that your wife is cheating on you, it may be a good sign.
 8. She has a sudden increase about her partner's whereabouts. She wants to know your every move. This is so she can make her plans.
 9. She starts giving excuses for not having intimacy with her mate. When you make your moves she states that she is too bloated, too tired, or I have a headache. If the

person you are married to is not sleeping with you it is a good sign that she is sleeping with someone else.

10. She is checked out. She does not need your emotional needs anymore. If she has lost in even arguing, it means that she does not care anymore.

➤ Notice the signs of an adulterous woman in Proverbs 5:3-8 and Proverbs 7:6-27.

F. 21 Ways to Know If He is Cheating on You:

1. He takes or makes phone calls in private.
2. He deletes the text history on his phone.
3. He maintains multiple e-mail or social media accounts.
4. He avoids family or other social events.
5. He suddenly spends tons of time with another person.
6. You notice a different scent on him. Whether it's another woman's perfume or possibly a different brand of soap from showering elsewhere, your senses know things. If he's coming home freshly showered after a full day of work, the same way he left for work, you may have a hint he's having an affair.
7. He doesn't touch you as much. Sometimes affection drops off a bit due to poor communication, unresolved issues or a recent argument. If this is unexplained behavior or he is repelling you with odd excuses, you may have a hint.
8. He dresses differently. Has your husband started to dress a little differently or does he keep his vehicle a bit cleaner? He pays an unusual amount of attention to his appearance. His appearance has changed. Your partner, who previously dressed conservatively, is now suddenly buying designer boxer shorts and more trendy clothes. Or, your partner, who never spent much time grooming himself, is now fussy about how his hair looks and uses grooming products he's never used before.
9. He's gone longer. Does your man usually take the dog out for a half hour run every day, but now it's a 60-90 minute walk-run? Who is he running into all of a sudden at the dog park or in the neighborhood?
10. He picks fights. Is your husband starting arguments that end up in him leaving the house a lot? Are his garments coming up missing here and there? If so, something is going on!
11. He's being extra secretive. When your husband suddenly has a change in his privacy attitude -- all of a sudden you're not supposed to know his whereabouts or who he's talking to on the phone and it's not close to your birthday, anniversary or upcoming gift-giving holiday -- he may be having an affair.
12. There is a change in the emotional quality of your relationship. This may be shown as your partner is unengaged or overly engaged. We all go through emotional changes, like the weather. However, you may notice that your partner's attitude has changed toward you over time; they may have become more self-absorbed and less interested in you or the relationship. Often, your partner may reject your offers of affection.
13. You notice an increase in his work or his time spent away from home.
14. He wants less "we time" and more "me time".

G. Notice the destruction of adultery:

1. Upward- Against God Jeremiah 13:27- *"I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in*

the fields. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?"

2. Outward- Against the Church I Samuel 2:22- *"Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."*
3. Inward- Against the Temple Proverbs 6:32- *"But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."*
4. Toward- Against the Spouse and Children Hosea 2:1-2- *"Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;"*

II. He Had A Stubborn Companion 2 Samuel 6:16- *"And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart."*

A. 2 Samuel 6:20- *"Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!"*

B. Proverbs 21:9- *"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house."*

1. Proverbs 25:24- *"It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house."*
2. The roofs of houses in Judea were that, encompassed with battlements, whither persons might retire for solitude, and sit in safety: and it is better to be in a corner of such a roof alone, and be exposed to scorching heat, to blustering winds, to thunder storms and showers of rain than with a scolding brawling woman.
3. Brawling is the act of quarreling. Quarreling is disputing with vehemence or loud angry words; scolding; wrangling; fighting; finding fault; disagreeing.
4. A brawling woman is always noisy and quarrelsome, her violent passions, her storming language, and thundering voice will drive a man to the elements on top of a house.
5. Peace can be disturbed by the domestic nagger. Her shrewish voice follows him from room to room.
6. It is better to live in privation than with a brawling woman.
7. Women always worry about the things that men forget; men always worry about the things women remember.

C. Proverbs 21:19- *"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."*

1. Contentious means given to an angry debate and disputing.
2. The wilderness is where persons live without shelter, and are not only exposed to storms and tempests, but to beasts of prey; where is want of the necessaries of life, and no society; where no speech is. Yet, it is better to dwell in such a place, where no human voice is heard than with a contentious and angry woman.
3. A contentious and angry woman is always brawling and scolding, ever in a quarrelsome and angry disposition, and provoking to anger all about her.

4. Solomon knew what he was talking about.
5. 1 Kings 11:3- *“And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.”*
6. Proverbs 19:13- *“A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.”*
 - a. Dishonor comes to the home by a foolish son and a foolish spouse.
 - b. A nagging woman is compared to a leaking roof.
 - c. Such are the contentions of a peevish, ill natured, and brawling wife, who is always scolding; and which is a continual vexation to a man, and renders him very uneasy in life.
7. Proverbs 27:15- *“A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.”*
 - a. A contentious woman grates on the nerves like a leaking roof drips, drips, and drips.
 - b. A roof that lets in rain is a great annoyance. A contentious woman is like a leaking roof. Man is shut up under the leaking roof and cannot go outside due to the rain. He cannot go outside and be in comfort nor can he sit inside and be in comfort.
 - c. There is a scolding, sneering, nagging, brawling, berating, rebuking, upbraiding, griping, grumbling, fault finding, scowling, complaining, whining, harassing, troublesome, distressing, bothersome, and disturbing battle axe of a woman tormenting her husband at home.
 - d. Solomon pointed out two truths related to the home in this verse:
 - (1) There is no way to shut a nagging woman up Proverbs 27:15- *“A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.”*
 - (2) There is no way to shut a nagging woman in Proverbs 27:16- *“Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.”*
 - (3) A contentious woman is about as easy to hide as it is to hide the wind and a strong fragrance.
 - (4) In other words, a man might as well try to restrain the wind as try to restrain this kind of woman. Then off she goes to broadcast her grievances to the neighbors and the whole community.
 - (5) The incessant nagging not only drives your partner mad, it drives him away and hurts intimacy.
 - (6) You sound like a broken record and everyone has tuned you out.
 - (7) Marriage lets you annoy one special person for the rest of your life.

III. He Had Straying Children

A. Amnon

1. 2 Samuel 13:3- *“But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man.”*
2. 2 Samuel 13:14-15- *“Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her. Then Amnon hated her*

exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.”

B. Tamar

1. 2 Samuel 13:22- *“And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.”*
2. 2 Samuel 13:20- *“And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.”*

C. Absalom

1. Murder

- a. 2 Samuel 13:28- *“Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.”*

2. Rebellion

- a. 2 Samuel 14:24- *“And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face”*
- b. 2 Samuel 14:28- *“So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face”*
- c. 2 Samuel 14:30- *“Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire.”*
- d. 2 Samuel 15:12- *“And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.”*
- e. 2 Samuel 18:33- *“And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!”*

Conclusion: In these last days of apostasy and compromise, we should devote our time to developing our homes. Our relationships should be right with each other that we may serve the Lord.