

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## Betrayal

- Definitions and Vocabulary
  - Betrayal (Dictionary.com)
    - ✦ to deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty
    - ✦ to disappoint the expectations of; be disloyal to
    - ✦ to reveal or disclose in violation of confidence
  - Hebrew vocabulary:
    - בָּגַד (bagad) – deal treacherously [Isa 21:2]
    - רָמָה (ramah) – deceive, betray [Gen 29:25]
  - Greek vocabulary:
    - παράδιδωμι (paradidōmi) – hand over, deliver, betray [Luke 21:16]
    - προδίδωμι (prodidōmi) – hand over, betray [Mark 14:10]
    - προδότης (prodotēs) – betrayer [Acts 7:52]
- Development and Application
  - Ahithophel betrayed David
    - ✦ While David rightly maintained that God gave him counsel [Psalm 16:7; 32:8], Ahithophel served as David's counselor [2 Sam 15:12] and had been a blessing to David in that role [2 Sam 16:23].
    - ✦ Ahithophel was the father of Eliam [2 Sam 23:34] and grandfather of Bathsheba [2 Sam 11:3] which may explain an earthly motivation for his betrayal.
    - ✦ When David learned of Ahithophel's betrayal, he could only turn him over to the Lord [2 Sam 15:31].
    - ✦ David decided to "help" God deal with Ahithophel by sending Hushai to thwart his counsel [2 Sam 15:32-34].
    - ✦ The Lord permitted Hushai to be successful in thwarting Ahithophel's counsel [2 Sam 17:14] which led to the suicide of Ahithophel [2 Sam 17:23].
    - ✦ David understood that Ahithophel's betrayal was part of God's Divine Discipline [Psalm 41:4].
    - ✦ David knew he had many enemies, but one in particular hurt him the most [Psalm 41:5-8].
    - ✦ His close friend whom he trusted, who ate his bread, had betrayed him [Psalm 41:9 cf. John 13:18].
    - ✦ The fellowship David had previously enjoyed with Ahithophel made his betrayal even more difficult to bear [Psalm 55:12-14, 21].

- Judas betrayed Jesus
  - ✦ The betrayer of Jesus Christ was one of the twelve apostles [Matt 10:2-4].
  - ✦ The betrayal of Jesus Christ was motivated by greed [Matt 26:14-16].
  - ✦ Greed was the earthly motivation for the Satanic betrayal of Jesus Christ [Luke 22:3-6; John 13:2, 21-27].
  - ✦ David had a friend who helped thwart his betrayer, but Jesus call His betrayer “friend” [Matt 26:48-50].
  - ✦ Ahithophel’s betrayal resulted in failure, but the conspiracy of Judas worked as planned.
  - ✦ However, even though his betrayal had succeeded, remorse led Judas to commit suicide as Ahithophel had done [Matt 27:3-5].
- Conclusions
  - Satan’s world system is so untrustworthy that potential betrayers can come from within one’s own household [Micah 7:5-6].
  - This is certainly true during the dispensation of the Church [Matt 10:35-36; 2 Tim 3:1-4].
  - When faithful believers are betrayed by someone they trust, the Lord will become their “dread champion” [Jer 20:10-13].
  - We should not be surprised by betrayal because in this world we are sheep among wolves, but even when we are betrayed, we have the opportunity to be a witness for Christ [Matt 16:16-21].