

On the Side of God, Part 2

Primary Text: 2 Samuel 16:5-14,

-These two men are in the same situation, yet they act drastically different

- I. Shimei ~ 2 Samuel 16:5-14, 19:18-23
 - a. He was jealous that the throne had passed from his tribe, Benjamin, to another man's tribe
 - b. He allowed himself to be in an alliance with a traitor, Absalom
 - c. He had given his heart over to his own desires

- II. Ittai the Gittite~ 2 Samuel 15:17-23
 - a. He is known as a "mighty man"
 - b. He gathered all he had for David and was blessed by David
 - c. He gathered all his people to be on the side of David

Notes:

- III. How are these two men the same?
 - a. Shimei was a man from a fallen royal house; Ittai was a stranger in his own land
 - b. Both men carried a badge of disgrace: Shimei was from a house whose legacy ended in tragedy, Ittai was not a covenant man, he was an outsider.
 - c. Both were poor
- IV. How are they different?
 - a. Shimei despised the plan of God and, therefore, despised the man of God
 - b. Ittai loved the man of God, and therefore, loved the man of God
 - c. Shimei was clinging on to everything he had; Ittai was willing to give everything he had

