

Chapters 8, 9

Wherever David went,
the Lord gave him success and victory.

David showed kindness to Saul's family.

Meribbaal, son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul
was crippled in both feet.

David restored Saul's property to Meribbaal
and arranged for Meribbaal to eat at the royal table each day.

Lord, help us show kindness to people who treat us badly

Chapters 10, 11

The Ammonites went to war with the Israelites,
but David led the Israelites to victory.

During a further war with the Ammonites,
David stayed in Jerusalem and did not go to the battle.

While in Jerusalem,
he made love to Bathsheba the wife of Uriah who conceived
and sent word to David, "I am with child."

David recalled Uriah to Jerusalem
and tried to get him to sleep with his wife.

But Uriah loyally observed the custom of the time
and refrained from marital relations
since he was a soldier at war.

David then arranged for Uriah to be killed in battle
by having him stationed in a defenceless position.

After a time of mourning for Uriah,
Bathsheba became David's wife and bore him a son.

The Lord was displeased with David.

Dear God, help us not to displease you