

^{d6} *Other Benjamites and some men from Judah also came to David in his stronghold. David went out to meet them and said to them, "If you have come to me in peace, to help me, I am ready to have you unite with me. But if you have come to betray me to my enemies when my hands are free from violence, may the God of our fathers see it and judge you."*

(1Chronicles 12:16-17)



After the death of Saul God started to bless and prosper David in a special way and He added to him many men who were coming and joining Him from all the tribes of Israel.

Previously to the above chosen passage, ^{d1} *All Israel came together to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, even while Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD your God said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"³ When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, he made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel, as the LORD had promised through Samuel." (1Chronicles 11:1-3) So the Lord was working in the ministry of David and supporting him as He had promised him.*

And now we found God is still faithful with David and here even the Benjamites who were Saul people they came to join David. Therefore David went out to meet them and said to them,

1- *"If you have come to me in peace, to help me, I am ready to have you unite with me: David was cautious with them because they were the same tribe of Saul and they might betray him. As well as, he was not afraid to tell them the truth, that they should be coming in peace and He is ready to receive*

them gladly as gift from God and he will be ready to unite with them. He showed that he is willing to trust them. We need to be open for God's blessings as well as we need to be cautious and frank with the people whom God sent to us.

2- *But if you have come to betray me to my enemies when my hands are free from violence, may the God of our fathers see it and judge you: David also told them that he had no intention at all to harm them or do evil against them. And He showed them as well as his full trust in God that the Lord can see if they have wrong motive and can call them to judgment. The same for us we should be cautious and we should be as well as not afraid to show trust with people, because even if they have wrong motive God can see and judge them and protect us.*

With what David said to them was a challenge to bring the truth up, ^{d8} *Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the Thirty, and he said: "We are yours, O David! We are with you, O son of Jesse! Success, success to you, and success to those who help you, for your God will help you. So David received them and made them leaders of his raiding bands." (1 Chronicles 12:18)*

Let us take this real story as way for us to receive and enjoy more of God's blessings as we agree to pray.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that teaches me the way of life and success, and thank you for your message to me that helps me to build more trust and confidence on you that you will never leave me nor forsake me, trusting you that every day you are adding to my blessings, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.

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"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it."

(1Thessalonians 5:24)



"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

(Joshua 1:5)

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