

Defeat Of Good Counsel

2 Sam 17.1-14

1. Paradox

- a. good advice v. bad advice
- b. worldly v. spiritual
- c. timeless struggle of good and evil
- d. **2 Sam 16.23** - was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God

2. Quality of advice

- a. **Jas 3.13-15** - this wisdom descendeth not from above
- b. **Matt 10.16** - wise as serpents harmless as doves
- c. **1 Tim 6.6** - godliness with contentment
- d. **2 Pet 2.3** - with feigned words make merchandise of you
- e. **Rom 16.18** - by good words and fair speeches
- f. **Mk 8.36** - what shall it profit a man

3. Purpose

- a. **2 Sam 17.1-2** - to defeat David
- b. **Lk 16.8** - children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light
- c. **1 John 2.18-19** - had they been of us they would have continued
- d. **2 Tim 4.3-4** - heap to themselves teachers having itching ears
- e. **Titus 1.10-11** - for filthy lucre's sake
- f. **2 Pet 2.15** - gone after the way of Balaam
- g. **Jude 11** - the error of Balaam

4. True defeat

- a. **2 Sam 15.31** - turn the counsel of Ahitophel into foolishness who will go
- b. **2 Thess 2.11-12** - will send them strong delusions that they might believe a lie
- c. **2 Sam 17.23** - Ahitophel saw that his counsel was not taken - hung himself
- d. **Acts 5.38-39** - to fight against God
- e. **Acts 9.3-5** - it is hard to kick against the pricks

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1. Paradox

2 Sam 16.23 - And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

2. Quality of advice

Jas 3.13-15 - Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14: But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15: This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

Matt 10.16 - Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

1 Tim 6.6 - But godliness with contentment is great gain.

2 Pet 2.3 - And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Rom 16.18 - For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Mk 8.36 - For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

3. Purpose

2 Sam 17.1-2 - Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: 2: And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only:

Lk 16.8 - for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

1 John 2.18-19 - Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19: They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

2 Tim 4.3-4 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their

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own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Titus 1.10-11 - For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

2 Pet 2.15 - Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Jude 11 - Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

4. True defeat

2 Sam 15.31 - And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

2 Thess 2.11-12 - And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Sam 17.23 - And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

Acts 5.38-39 - And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: 39: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

Acts 9.3-5 - And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5: And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

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