

AN INFANT FUNERAL

II Samuel 12:15-24

These words and this story from Scripture gives us some very important truths to remember, especially on a day of grief for a precious child:

I. It is always right to PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

(v. 22a “While the child was alive, you fasted and wept...”)

- ♦ v. 16 “David therefore inquired of God for the child...”
- ♦ I Thessalonians 5:17 “pray without ceasing”

II. It is always right to HOPE FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

(v. 23b “Who knows, the Lord may be gracious to me, that the child may live.”)

- ♦ Colossians 1:27 “God willed to make known what is the riches of (His) glory...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

III. It is always right to ACCEPT GOD’S WILL FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

(v. 23a “But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again?”)

- ♦ I Thessalonians 5:18 “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

IV. It is always right to BELIEVE YOUR INFANT CHILD IS WITH THE LORD.

(v.23b “I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”)

- ♦ David would surely go to heaven! (No Bible scholar disputes that.)
- ♦ Thus the infant child had gone to heaven! (a logical & biblical assumption)

V. It is always right to TRUST GOD FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR FAMILY.

(v. 24 “Then David comforted his wife, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon”)-Solomon became King!

- ♦ Psalm (of David) 127:3-4 “Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.”

Consider these encouraging words from Helen Steiner Rice and King David:

*With the Lord as your Shepherd you have all that you need,
For, if you follow in His footsteps wherever He may lead,
He will guard and guide and keep you in His loving, watchful care
And, when traveling in dark valleys, your Shepherd will be there.
His goodness knows no end, for the Lord is a Good Shepherd...
On whom you can depend.
So, when your heart is troubled, you’ll find quiet peace and calm
If you open up your Bible and just read this treasured Psalm.*

(Read Psalm 23)