

WISE WOMAN OF TEKOA



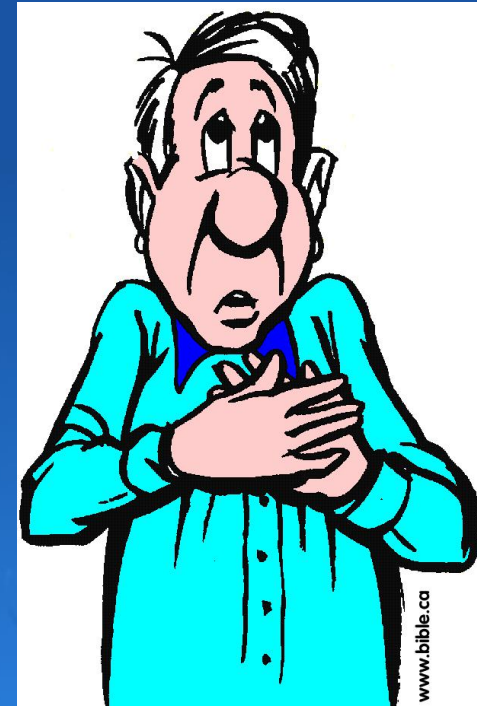
- David being told a fabricated story invented by *Yo'av*
- Woman pressed the King to vowe to pardon her son, the murderer
- *Kal V'homer* = light vs. heavy
- A way generally used to choose the lesser of 2 evils



DAVID WAS WRONG



- Rabbis could NOT use *Kal V'homer* to vindicate David because Torah doesn't allow pardon for a murderer
- David used his own human sense of mercy and justice, going against God's well defined justice
- The purpose of executing a murderous criminal is to stop the person from harming others, and thus preserving life



RESULTS OF HUMAN JUSTICE



- Abandonment of justice brought ruin upon David and his family
- Modern society refusing to obey God's justice has resulted in overflowing jails, amoral society, more violence
- Misapplied Christian and secular justice often pardons evil and shows mercy where none is due



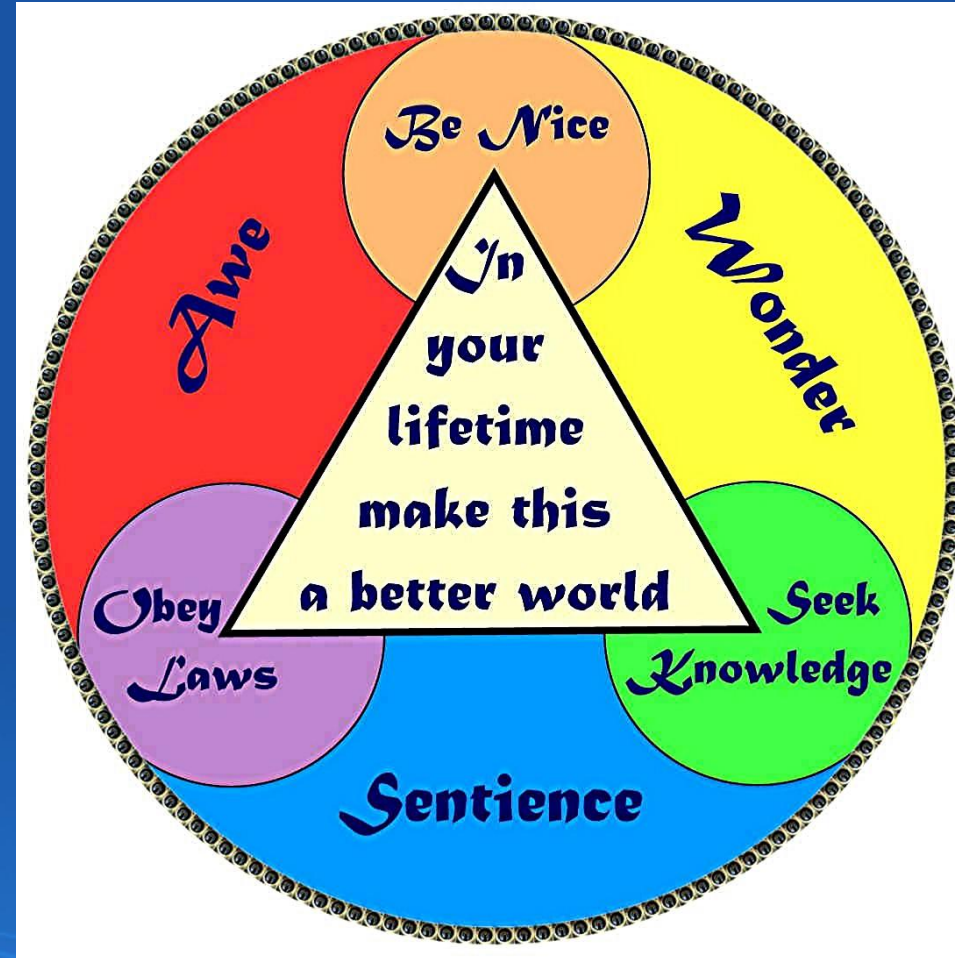
THE SNARE OF HUMANISM



- The woman asks why David's rationale isn't being applied to *Avishalom*
- Better for Israel that Absalom is forgiven, than for David to carry out God's justice
- The woman's argument:
- 1) We shall all die.
- 2) Amnon's lost life can't be recovered.
- 3) God spares no one.
- 4) God wishes that no one is banished from Him.

THE HUMANISTIC LOGIC PATTERN

- Do we have greater regard for our own emotions and intellect than God's divine commandments?
- Woman starts flattering David to stay out of trouble
- **Malach** = messenger
- King David now realizes that he's been HAD !!
- David suspects it was Joab who instigated this and the woman verifies that this is correct



ABSALOM RETURNS FROM GESHUR



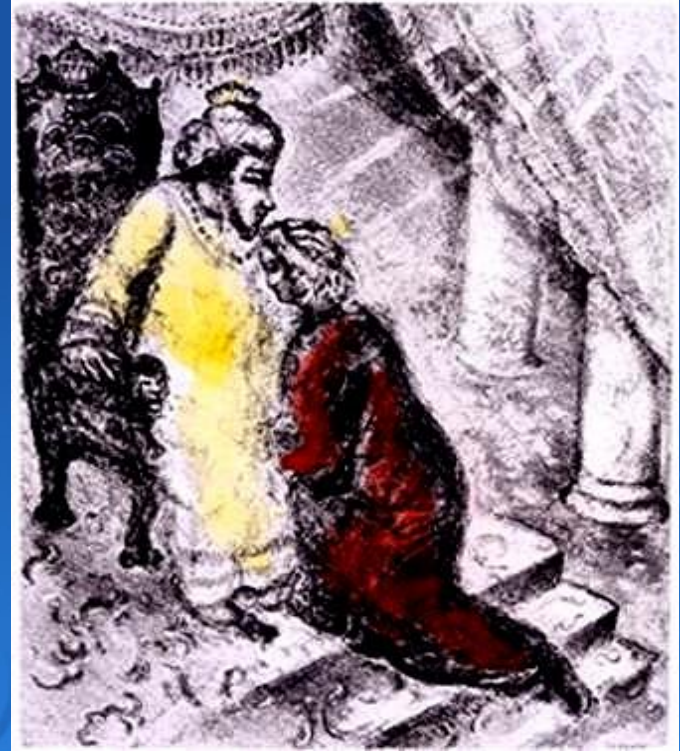
- David permits *Avishalom* to come back, but he may not be in David's presence
- Why is Joab so invested in wanting Absalom's return?
- Main function of chapter 14 was to show David's poor choice of giving mercy to Absalom
- The main attribute of Absalom that attracted the masses was his personal appearance

ABSALOM'S VANITY

- Only cut his hair once per year
- NOT a Nazarite, his long hair was due to his self-love
- 200 shekels was the weight of his hair
- A shekel was NOT a unit of money (not a coin)
- A shekel was a measurement of weight
- No general standard for weights
- The shekel weight amount varied over the centuries



ABSALOM PARTIALLY RESTORED



- Absalom summons Joab but he refuses to come
- The hope is that Joab can convince David to restore Absalom to grace
- Absalom burns Joab's field to get his attention
- David's kiss is NOT a kiss of affection, but rather it is of courtesy

2ND SAMUEL 15: ABSALOM'S REBELLION



- The next 4 chapters detail the sad story of Absalom's rebellion
- Psalms should not be read like a book, but instead in the context of the events they portrayed
- David is regarded as a type of Messiah
- We should probably regard Avishalom as a type of Anti-Messiah

ONLY A REMNANT STAYED LOYAL TO THE KING



- The peoples' hearts grew dissatisfied
- A man from the King's own family comes along to try and take over the Kingdom
- The people saw Absalom as a rationale choice
- He was of David's family (on his father's side)

A JEWISH HERITAGE?

- Anti-King is of the same family as the King
- Bible implies that many Jews and Christians will be deceived and accept the Anti-Christ as the Messiah
- It is unimaginable that any Jew or Christian would accept a GENTILE as the Biblical Messiah!



ABSALOM BEGINS TO EXECUTE HIS PLAN



- Since arriving back in Jerusalem Absalom had been organizing, winning loyalties, making promises
- How could God's people turn against the greatest King in Israel's history?
- David had become aloof and isolated, resting on his laurels after 20 years on the throne
- The Bathsheba affair reduced the people's trust and admiration of David