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**Introduction**

We began to see last week how **Absalom's actions here in these verses show him to be a type of Satan**. As he fulfills this type, we see him as he steals the hearts of men because he desired the true king's kingdom! He wanted the kingdom that belonged to King David, his father! It is said in *verse 6* that Absalom "*stole the hearts of the men of Israel*"!

We said that in a very similar way, **Satan wants to turn the hearts of people away from Jesus Christ too! He wants to be your King instead of King Jesus being your king!**

*WE SAW THAT ABSALOM STOLE HEARTS BY CHANGING PEOPLES' FOCUS—SATAN DOES THE SAME THING! (Vs. 1-4)*

Absalom got the people of Israel to begin **looking to him for satisfaction and for him to solve their problems!**

**One of the ways Satan messes with us is by getting us to take our eyes off of Jesus and get them on other things—our things and his things!**

Satan knows **what appeals to our FLESH** and so he makes every effort to **change our FOCUS** causing us to take our eyes off of our True King!

How does this happen?:

- I. *Absalom Used DISTRACTION To Change The People's Focus— Satan Does Too! (Vs. 1-2)*
- II. *Absalom Also Used DECEPTION To Change The People's Focus—Satan Does Too! (Vs. 3-4)*
- III. *Absalom Used DISCOURAGEMENT To Change The People's Focus! (Vs. 3b-4)*

**WE SEE THAT ABSALOM STOLE HEARTS BY CHALLENGING FOLKS FAITH IN THE TRUE KING—SATAN DOES THE SAME THING! (Vs. 5-6)**

**Absalom Caused People To CONSIDER Him Which Then Caused Them To Stagger In Their Trust Of King David— Satan Does The Same With Us With Regard To King Jesus!**

After Absalom spoke his **lies and deception** to the subjects of his father, King David, he would put forth his hand and take the hand of the one who was offering him obeisance, and would kiss him.

This was a way of **gaining the favor and the acceptance of those who approached him**.

David had been a **good king for Israel** and the LORD had used him mightily in the land in the **past** and there were promises for the **future!** But Absalom was there showing them **favor at that very minute**, even though Absalom had **only empty promises—none of which were backed up by anything of substance or evidence!**

Similarly, Satan tries to lure US into his trap **while causing us to consider his way versus the Way of the True King!** We may find ourselves going through a difficult time and as we begin to seek our King for His wisdom and direction, this wanna be king tries to steal our hearts—He **DISTRACTS, DECEIVES and, DISCOURAGES US** and **CHALLENGES OUR FAITH** in our True King!

King Jesus has a **reputation for being a good King** and by **Him God will fulfill His plans and purposes for the ages!**

So, Satan will do whatever it takes to lure us to the point of considering letting him be our ruler instead of KING JESUS!

Get this!—Every time we **begin to consider an alternative to Truth, we make ourselves vulnerable to having our heart stolen!**