

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – David's Children - Amnon, Absalom, and Tamar

Read 2 Samuel 13

- Who are Amnon, Absalom, and Tamar? (David's children; Absalom and Tamar have the same mother.)
- Why is Amnon interested in his half-sister Tamar? (She was very beautiful)
- What does Amnon's friend, Jonadab suggest? (II Sam 13:5)
- What did Amnon ask his father?
- How did Tamar try to stop Amnon?
- Why did Amnon defile his sister?
- Why did he throw her out of his house?
- Should Amnon be punished? How? By whom?
- What does David do?
- Why do you think David didn't punish Amnon?
- Why should we learn to respect each other?
- How does Absalom react to the news about his sister?
- What does Absalom eventually do to Amnon?
- Does Absalom kill Amnon because of the rape or because he wants to be next in line to be King?
- Discuss pride, greed, power, deception, position.
- Describe Absalom physically (II Sam 14:25).
- Describe Absalom's character (II Sam 14:28-33).
- Why did the people love Absalom? (II Sam 15:1-6)
- Did Absalom deceive the people? David? Why?
- Why did David flee?
- What happened to Absalom? (II Sam 18:9-10,15)
- Who grieved Absalom's death?
- What important lessons do we learn from David and his family?
- What are some of the negative characteristics that need to be cast out? (pride, greed, lust, selfishness, hatred, jealousy, anger, deception, vanity, pretense)
- How do we avoid these characteristics?