

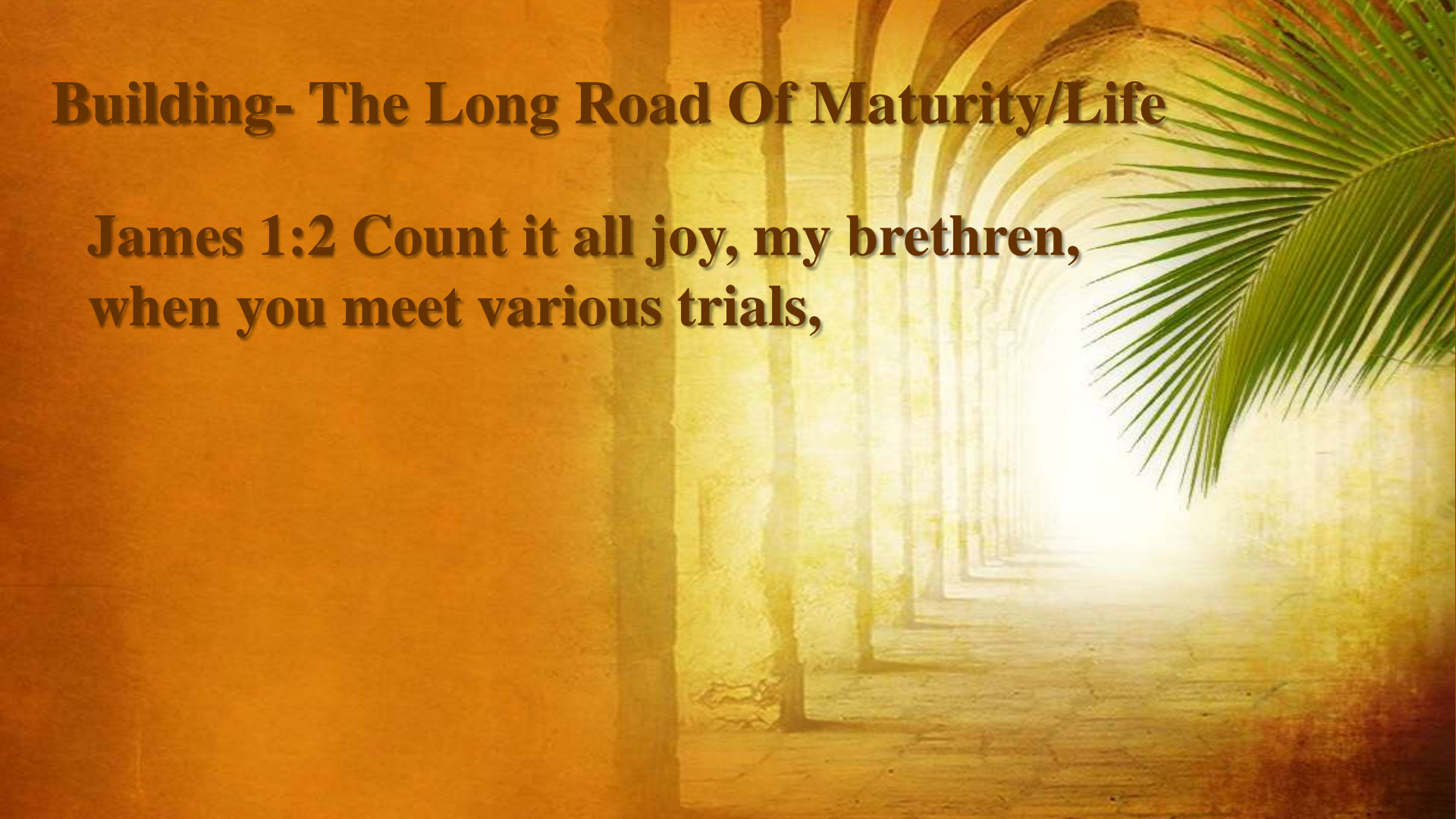
A perspective view of a long, brightly lit hallway with a series of arches and columns, framed by palm fronds. The hallway is illuminated with a warm, golden light, creating a sense of depth and perspective. The arches and columns are made of a light-colored material, possibly stone or plaster, and are supported by a series of pillars. The floor is a light, sandy color. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

David's Story

Building

Building- The Long Road Of Maturity/Life

**James 1:2 Count it all joy, my brethren,
when you meet various trials,**



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**³ for you know that the testing of your
faith produces steadfastness.**



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**⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect,
that you may be perfect and complete,
lacking in nothing.**



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⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.



SOURCES OF SUFFERING:

- *Stupid*
- *Sin*
- *Curse*
- *Satan*
- *God*



Building, As part of God's Redemptive Story

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



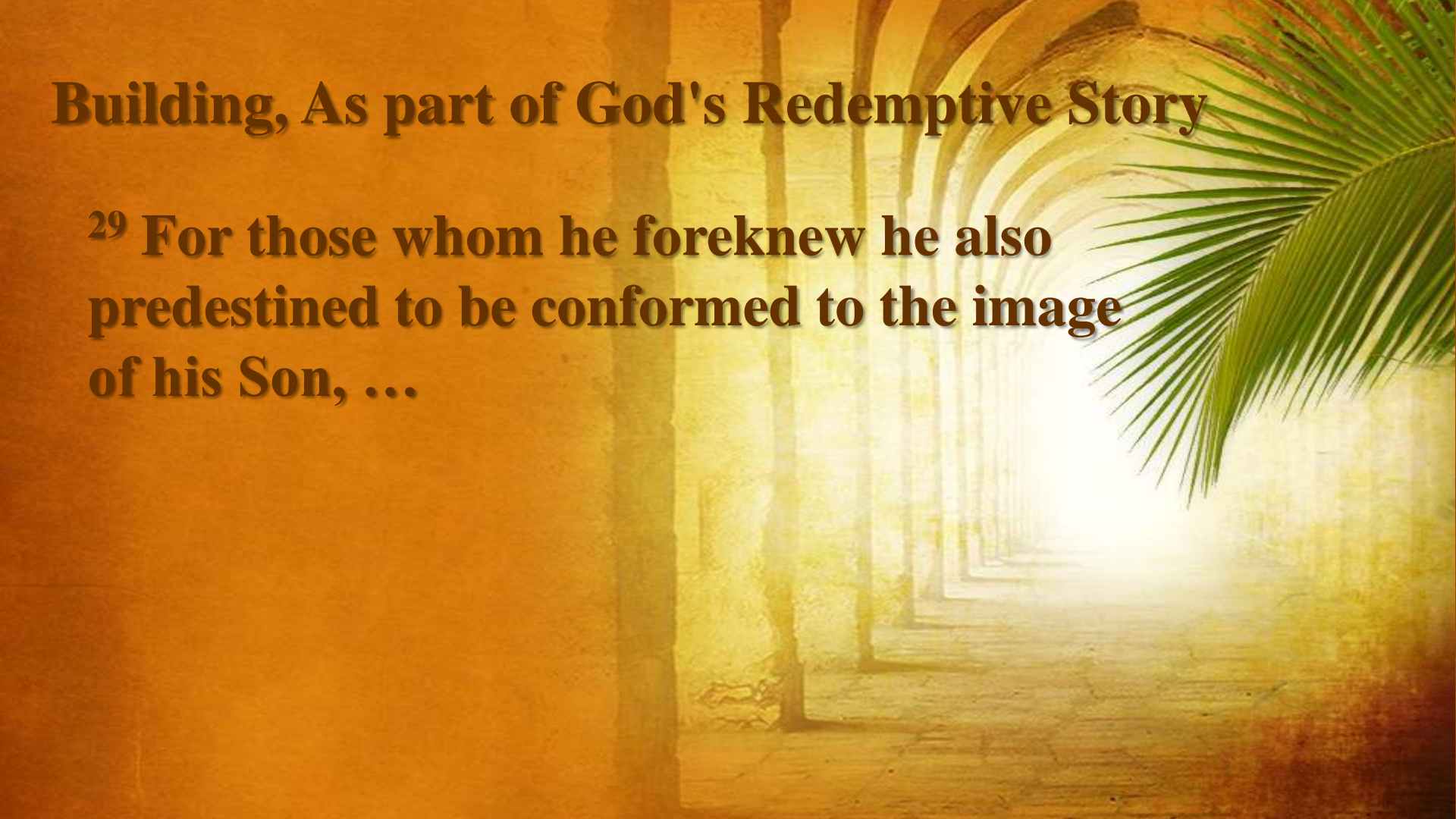
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Romans 8:28 We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.



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**29 For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image
of his Son, ...**



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³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.



David, and the loss of the baby born to Bathsheba

2 Samuel 12:15 After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.



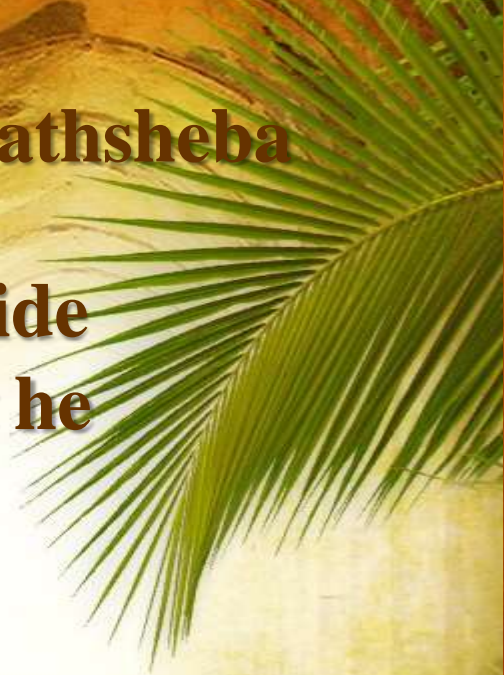
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**¹⁶ David pleaded with God for the child.
He fasted and went into his house and
spent the nights lying on the ground.**



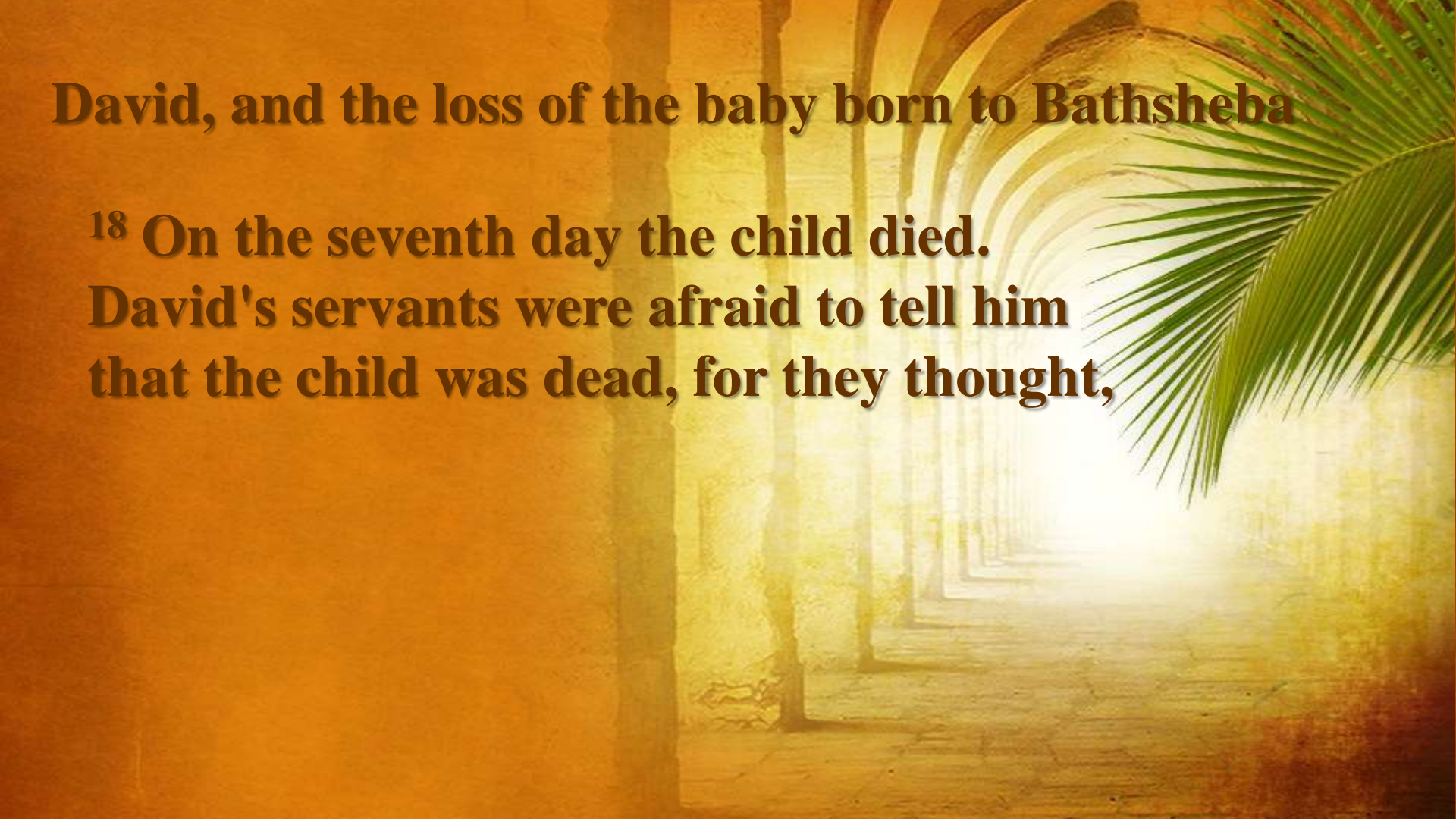
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¹⁷ The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.



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**18 On the seventh day the child died.
David's servants were afraid to tell him
that the child was dead, for they thought,**



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"While the child was still living, we spoke to David but he would not listen to us. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."



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19 David noticed that his servants were whispering among themselves and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked. "Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

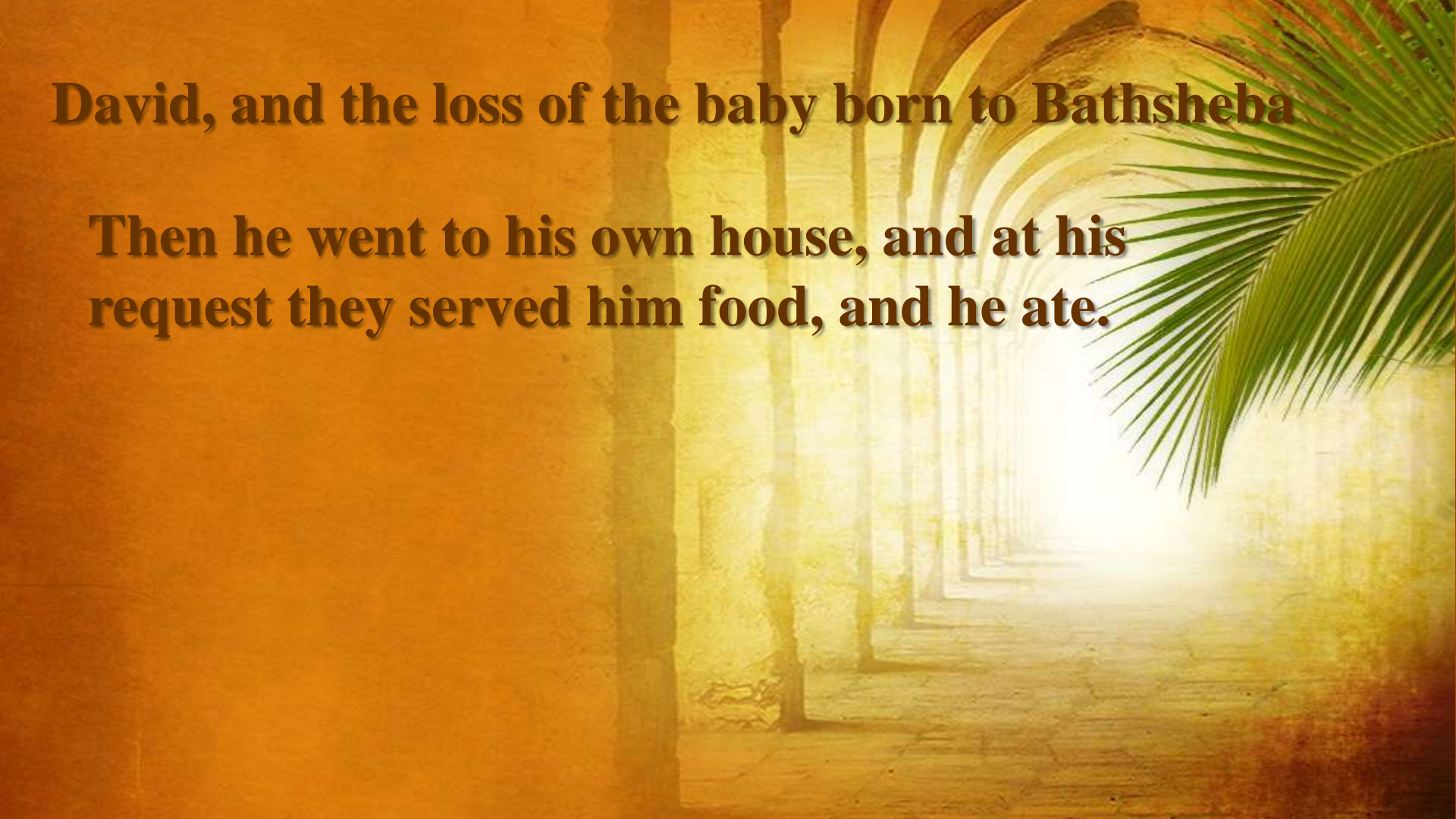
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20 Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped.



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Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.



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²¹ His servants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"

David, and the loss of the baby born to Bathsheba

²² He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.'



David, and the loss of the baby born to Bathsheba

²³ But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."



David, and the loss of the baby born to Bathsheba

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him;



A long, arched hallway with a bright light at the end and a palm frond on the right.

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²⁵ and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

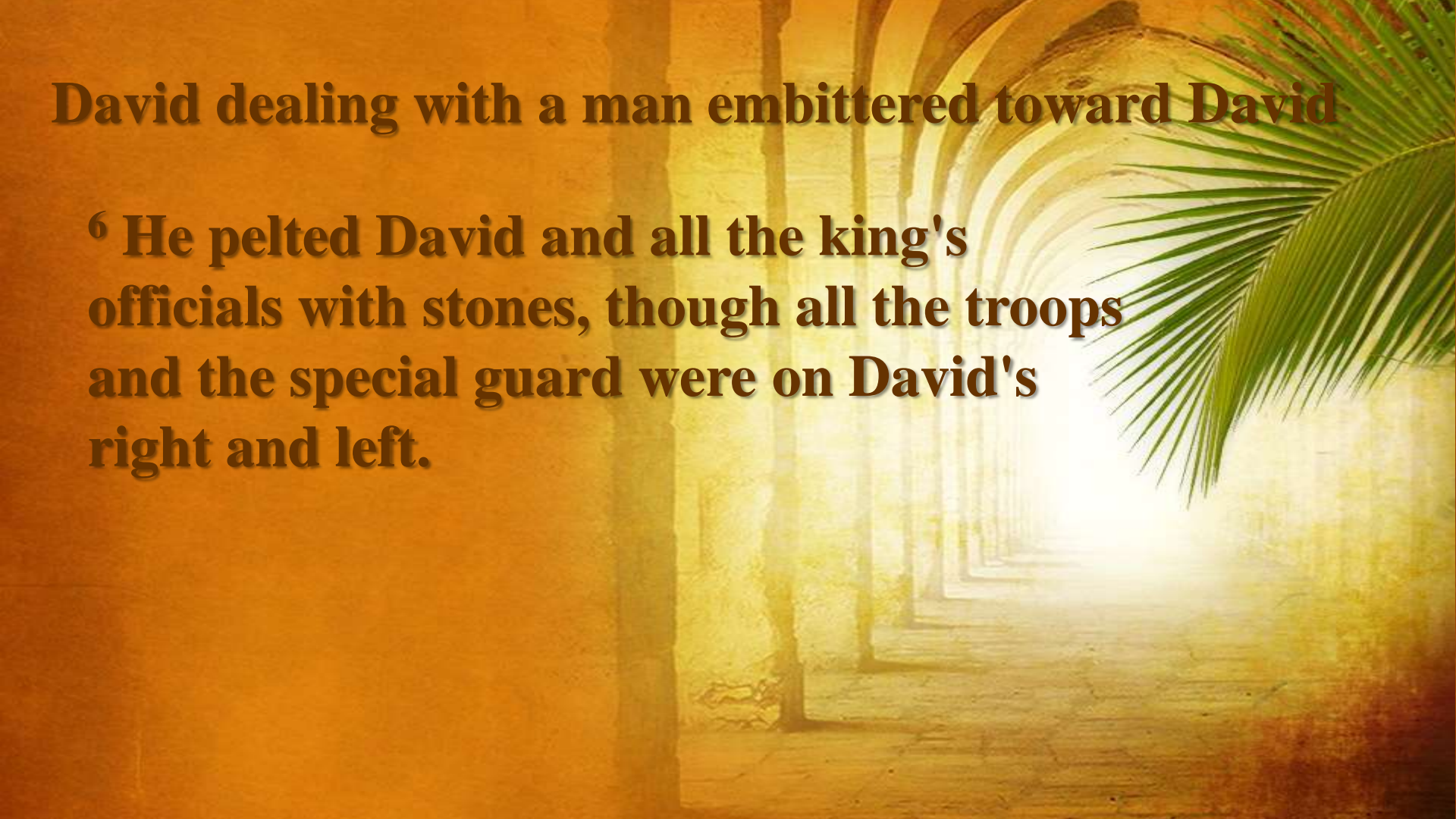
David dealing with a man embittered toward David

2 Samuel 16:5 As King David approached Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out.



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6 He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left.



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⁷ As he cursed, Shimei said, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you scoundrel!"



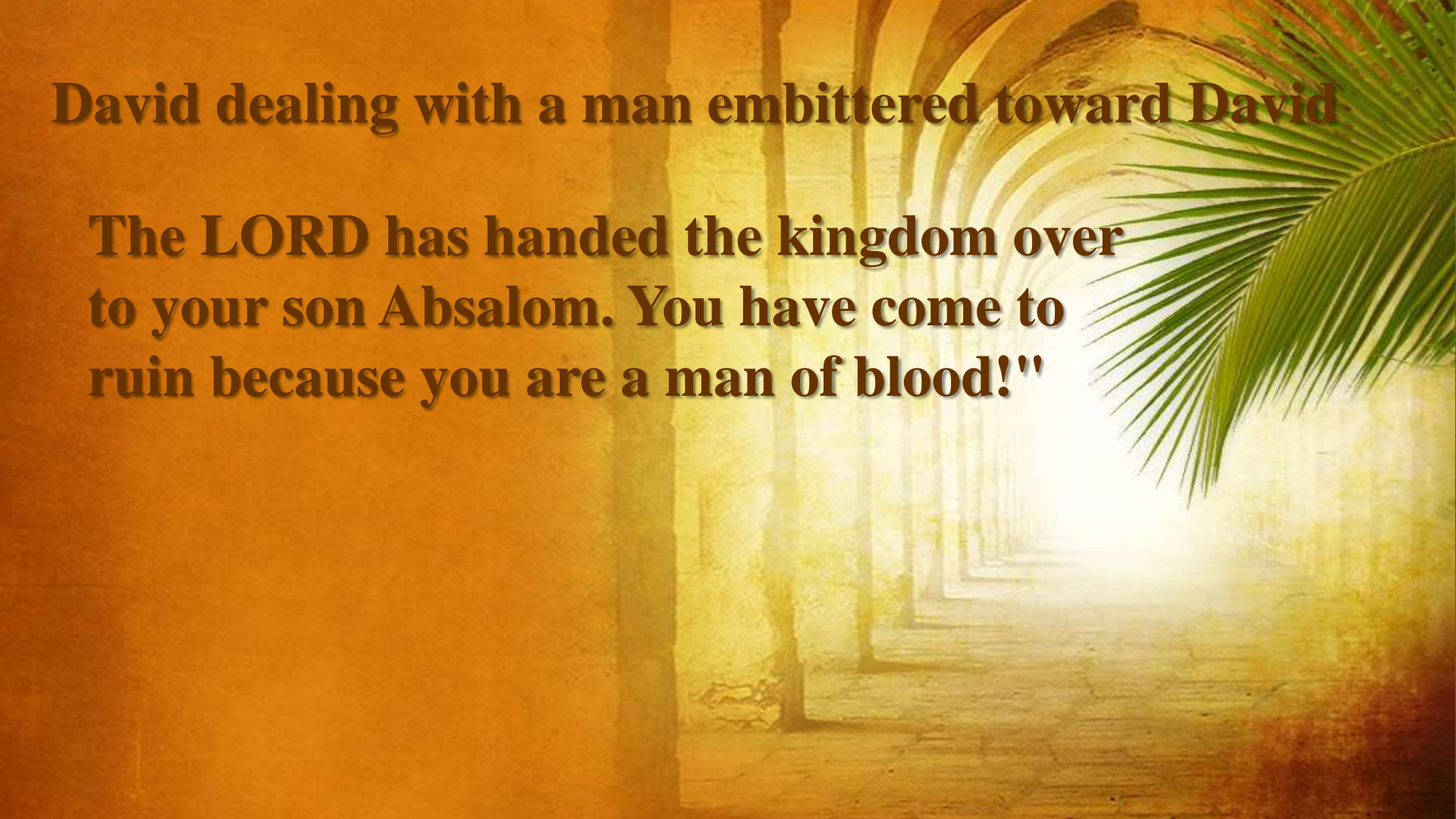
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⁸ The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned.



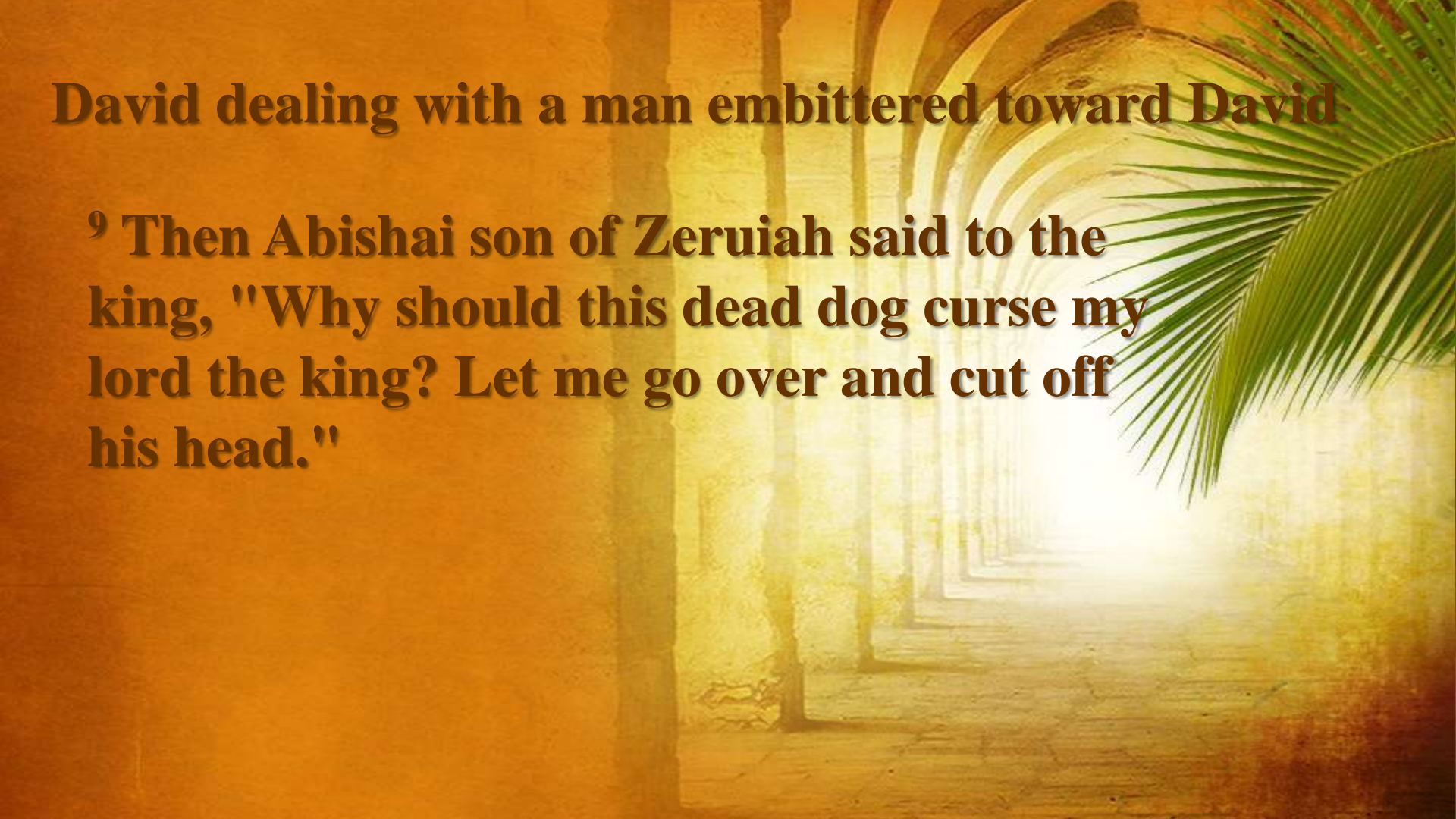
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The LORD has handed the kingdom over to your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a man of blood!"



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9 Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head."



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¹⁰ But the king said, "What do you and I have in common, you sons of Zeruah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

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¹¹ David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, who is of my own flesh, is trying to take my life. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to.

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¹² It may be that the LORD will see my distress and repay me with good for the cursing I am receiving today."



A long, arched stone walkway with a palm frond on the right side. The walkway is made of light-colored stone and is flanked by a series of arches that recede into the distance. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a sense of depth and perspective. A large, green palm frond is visible on the right side of the image, partially obscuring the arches.

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**2 Samuel 19:16 Shimei... hurried down
with the men of Judah to meet King
David.**

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18 They crossed at the ford to take the king's household over and to do whatever he wished. When Shimei son of Gera crossed the Jordan, he fell prostrate before the king

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19 and said to him, "May my lord not hold me guilty. Do not remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. May the king put it out of his mind.



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²⁰ For I your servant know that I have sinned, but today I have come here as the first of the whole house of Joseph to come down and meet my lord the king."

David dealing with a man embittered toward David

**²¹ Then Abishai son of Zeruah said,
"Shouldn't Shimei be put to death for
this? He cursed the LORD's anointed."**



David dealing with a man embittered toward David

22 David replied, "What do you and I have in common, you sons of Zeruah? This day you have become my adversaries!"



David dealing with a man embittered toward David

Should anyone be put to death in Israel today? Do I not know that today I am king over Israel?"



David dealing with a man embittered toward David

²³ So the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king promised him on oath.



A long, arched hallway with a bright light at the end and a palm frond on the right. The hallway is composed of a series of repeating arches supported by columns, creating a strong sense of perspective. The lighting is warm and golden, with the brightest light coming from the far end of the hallway. A large, green palm frond is visible on the right side of the image, partially obscuring the view of the hallway.

"Building" involves two important perspectives:

- *An eternal perspective*
- *A daily perspective*

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