

2nd Samuel 16:01 And when David was a little past the top of the hill , behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2nd Samuel 16:02 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

2nd Samuel 16:03 And the king  
said, And where is thy master's son?

And Ziba said unto the king,  
Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem:  
for he said, To day shall the house  
of Israel restore me the kingdom  
of my father.

2nd Samuel 16:04 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

2nd Samuel 16:05 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

2nd Samuel 16:06 And he cast  
stones at David, and at all the  
servants of king David: and all the  
people and all the mighty men  
were on his right hand and on his  
left.

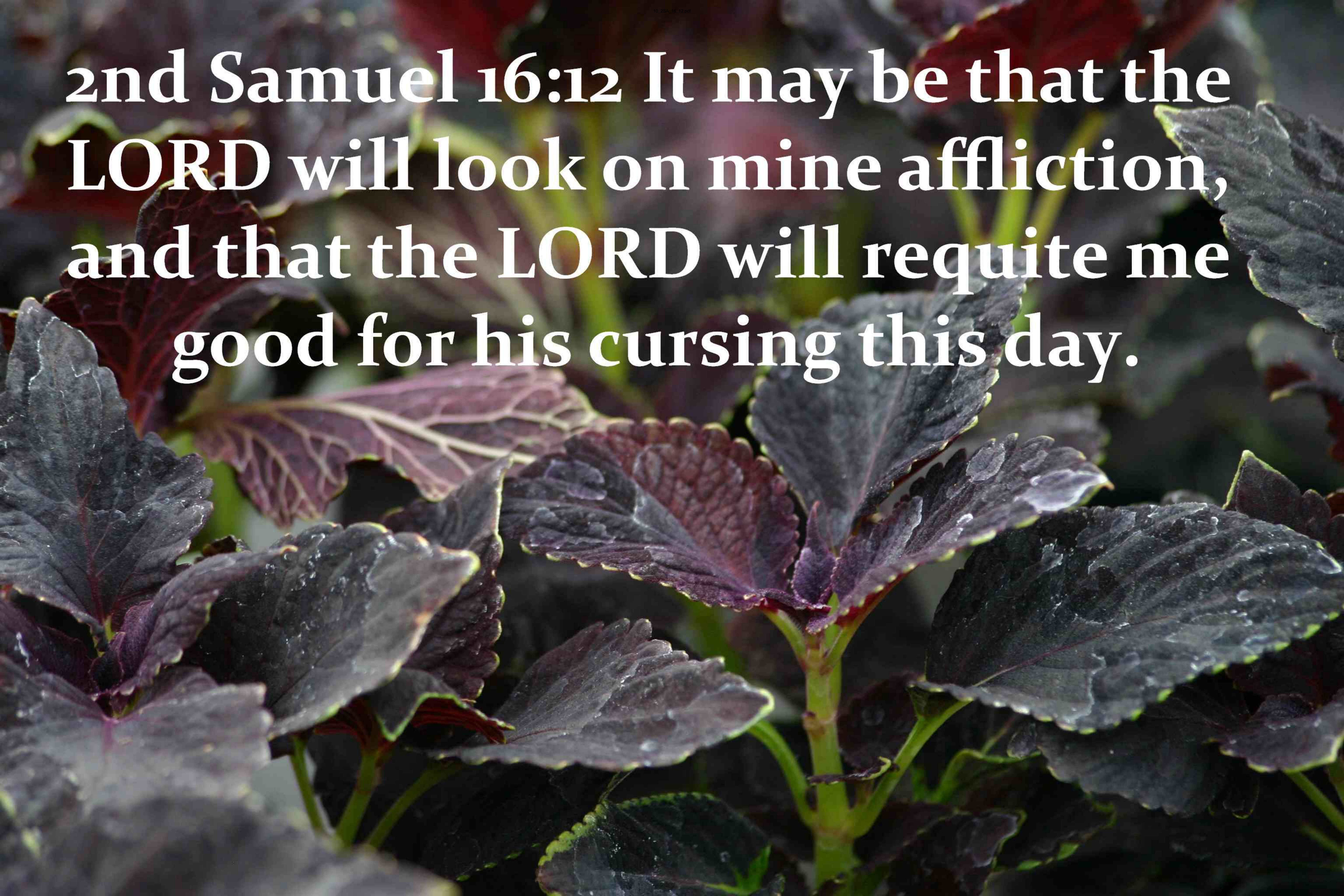
2nd Samuel 16:07 And thus said  
Shimei when he cursed, Come out,  
come out, thou bloody man, and  
thou man of Belial:

2nd Samuel 16:08 The LORD hath  
returned upon thee all the blood  
of the house of Saul, in whose  
stead thou hast reigned; and the  
LORD hath delivered the kingdom  
into the hand of Absalom thy son:  
and, behold, thou art taken in thy  
mischief, because thou art a  
bloody man.

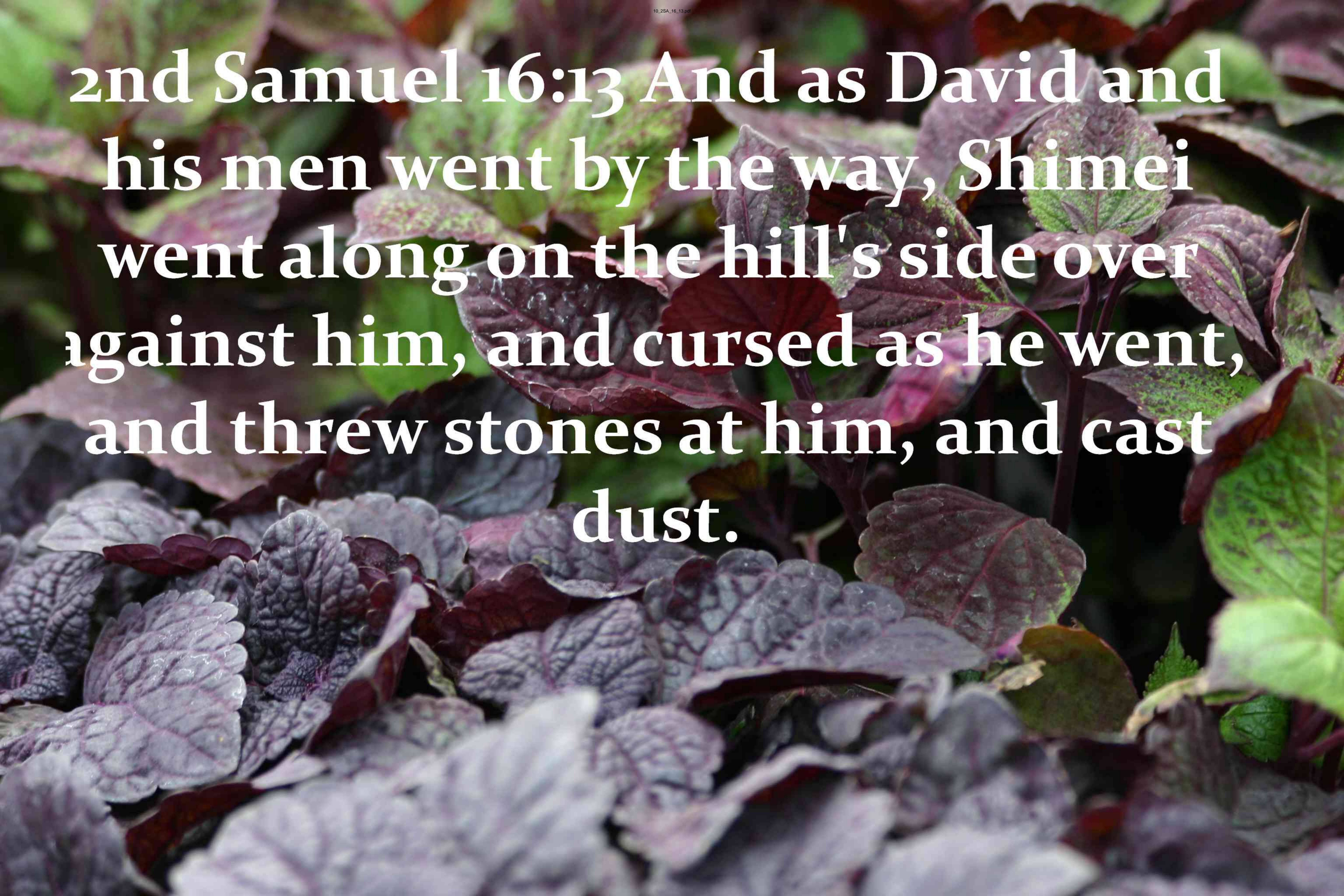
2nd Samuel 16:09 Then said  
Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto  
the king, Why should this dead  
dog curse my lord the king? let me  
go over, I pray thee, and take off  
his head.

2nd Samuel 16:10 And the king said,  
What have I to do with you, ye sons  
of Zeruiah? so let him curse,  
because the LORD hath said unto  
him, Curse David. Who shall then  
say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

2nd Samuel 16:11 And David said to  
Abishai, and to all his servants,  
Behold, my son, which came forth  
of my bowels, seeketh my life: how  
much more now may this  
Benjamite do it? let him alone,  
and let him curse; for the LORD  
hath bidden him.

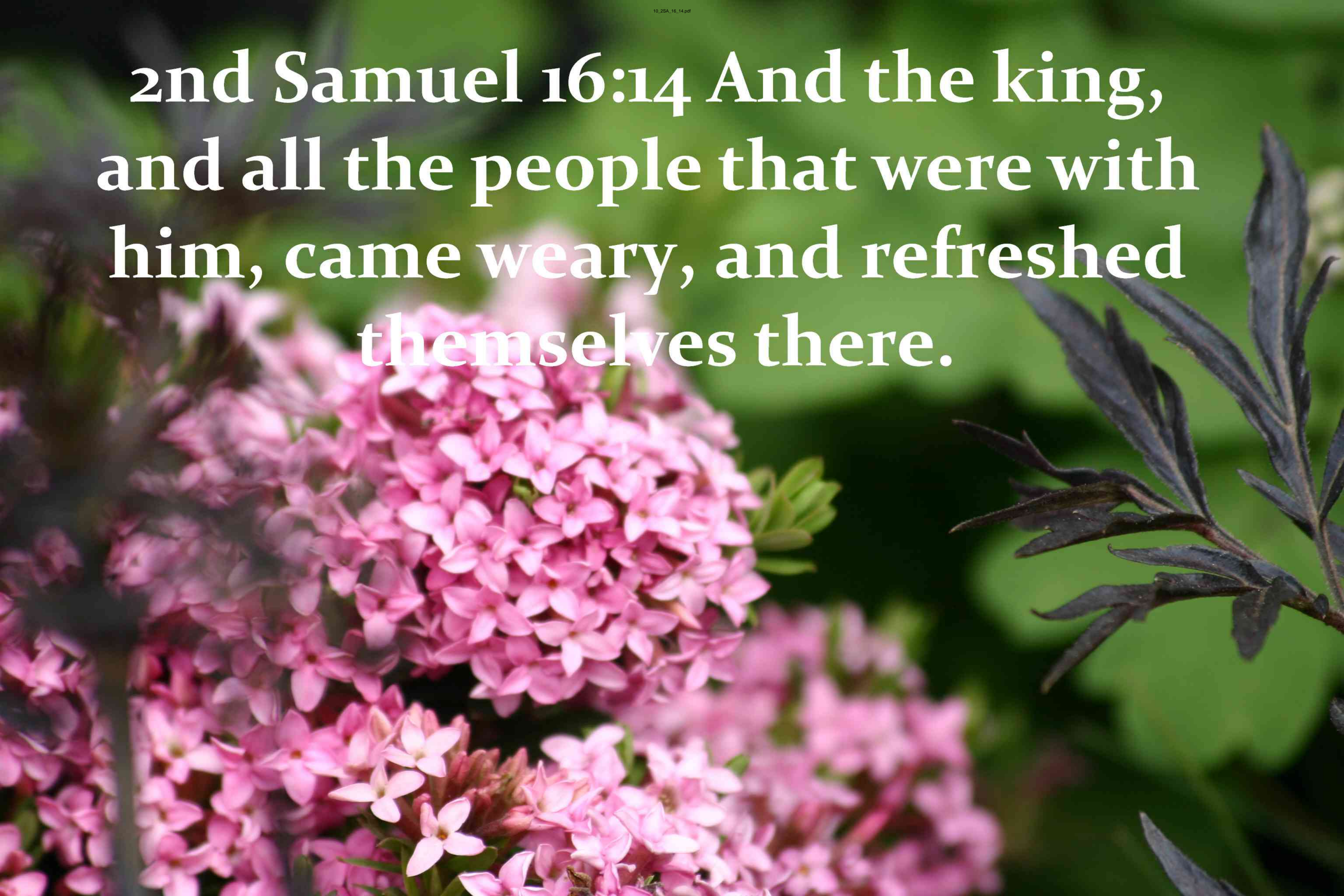
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2nd Samuel 16:12 It may be that the  
LORD will look on mine affliction,  
and that the LORD will requite me  
good for his cursing this day.

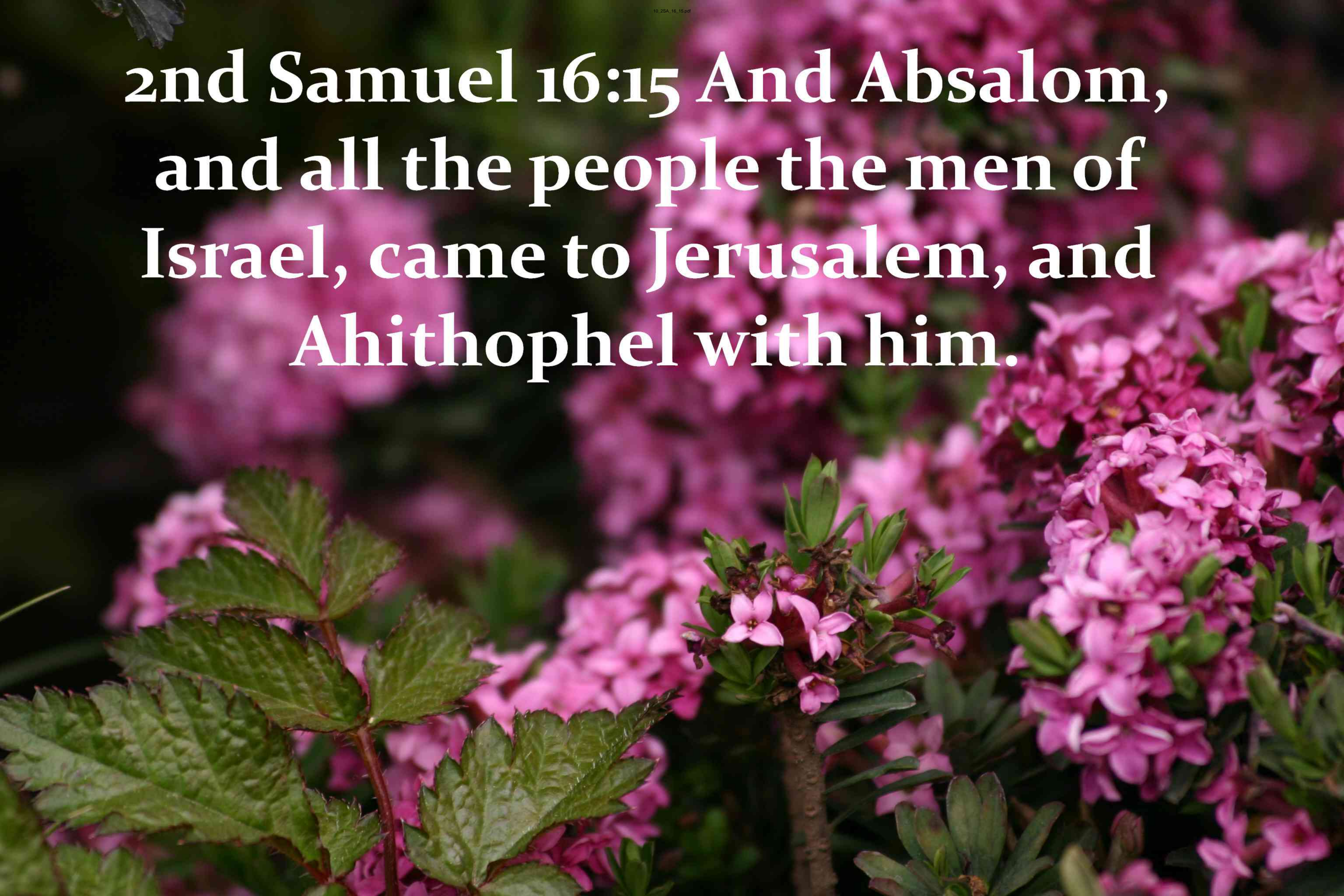


2nd Samuel 16:13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

2nd Samuel 16:14 And the king,  
and all the people that were with  
him, came weary, and refreshed  
themselves there.

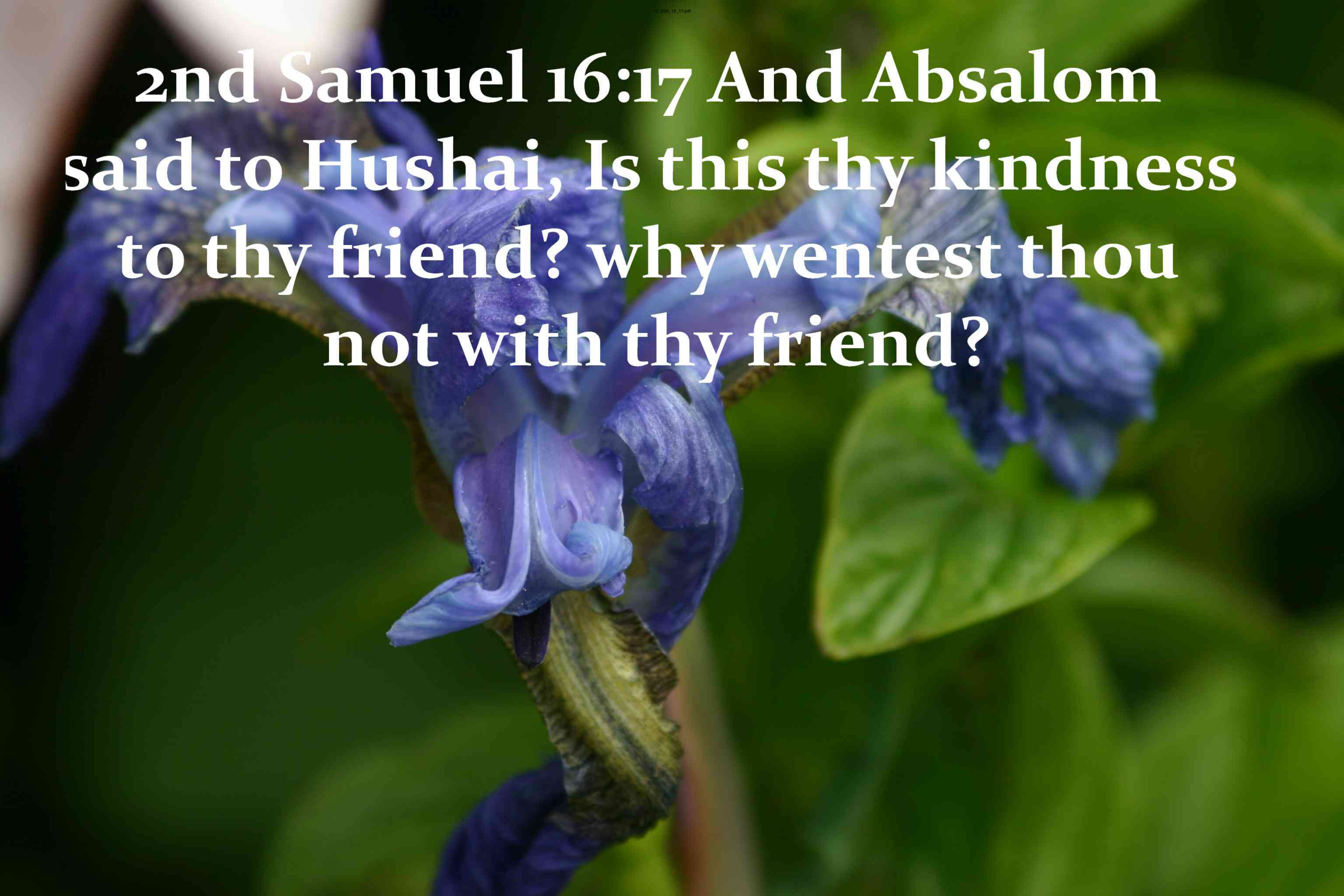


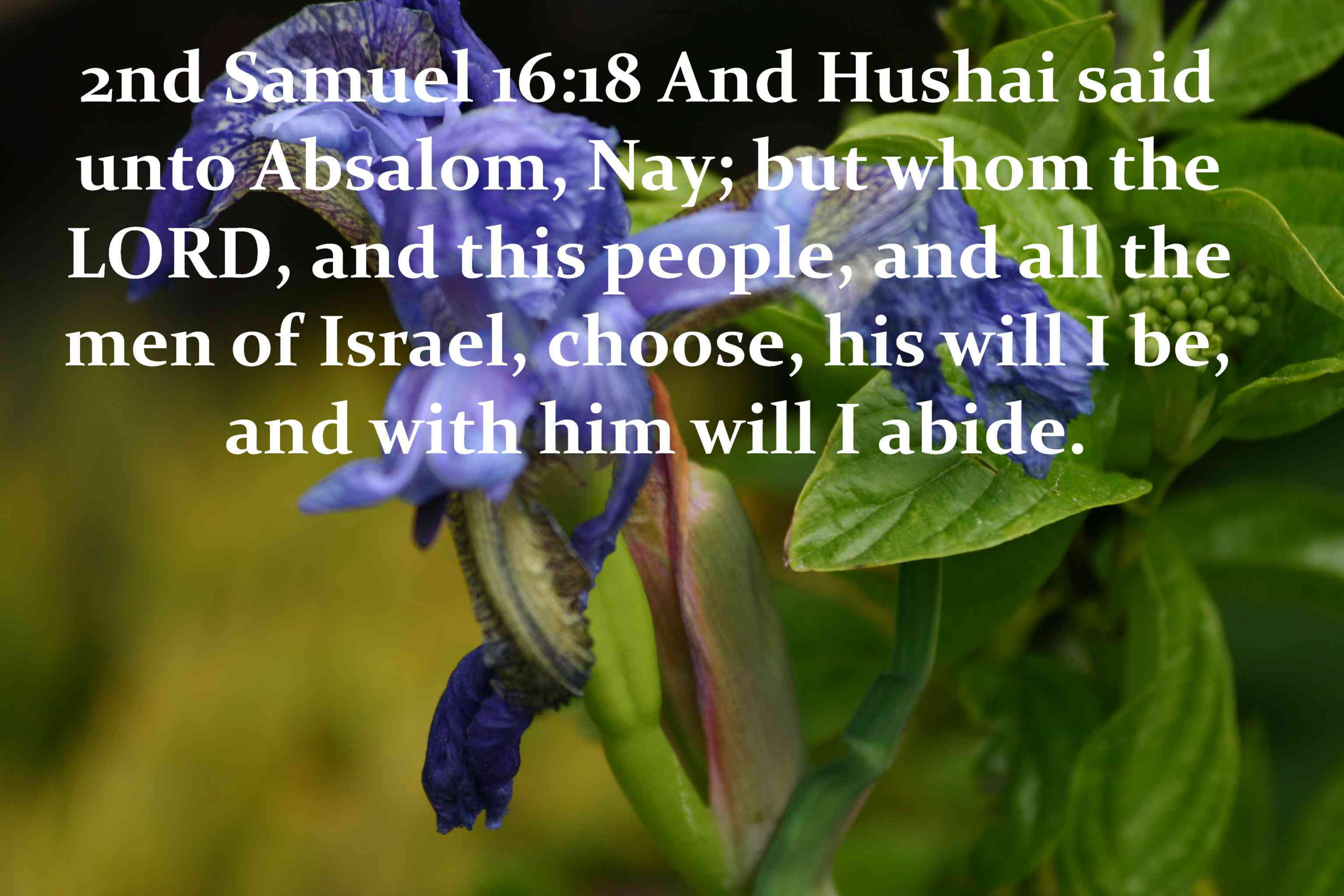
2nd Samuel 16:15 And Absalom,  
and all the people the men of  
Israel, came to Jerusalem, and  
Ahithophel with him.



2nd Samuel 16:16 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king.

2nd Samuel 16:17 And Absalom  
said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness  
to thy friend? why wentest thou  
not with thy friend?

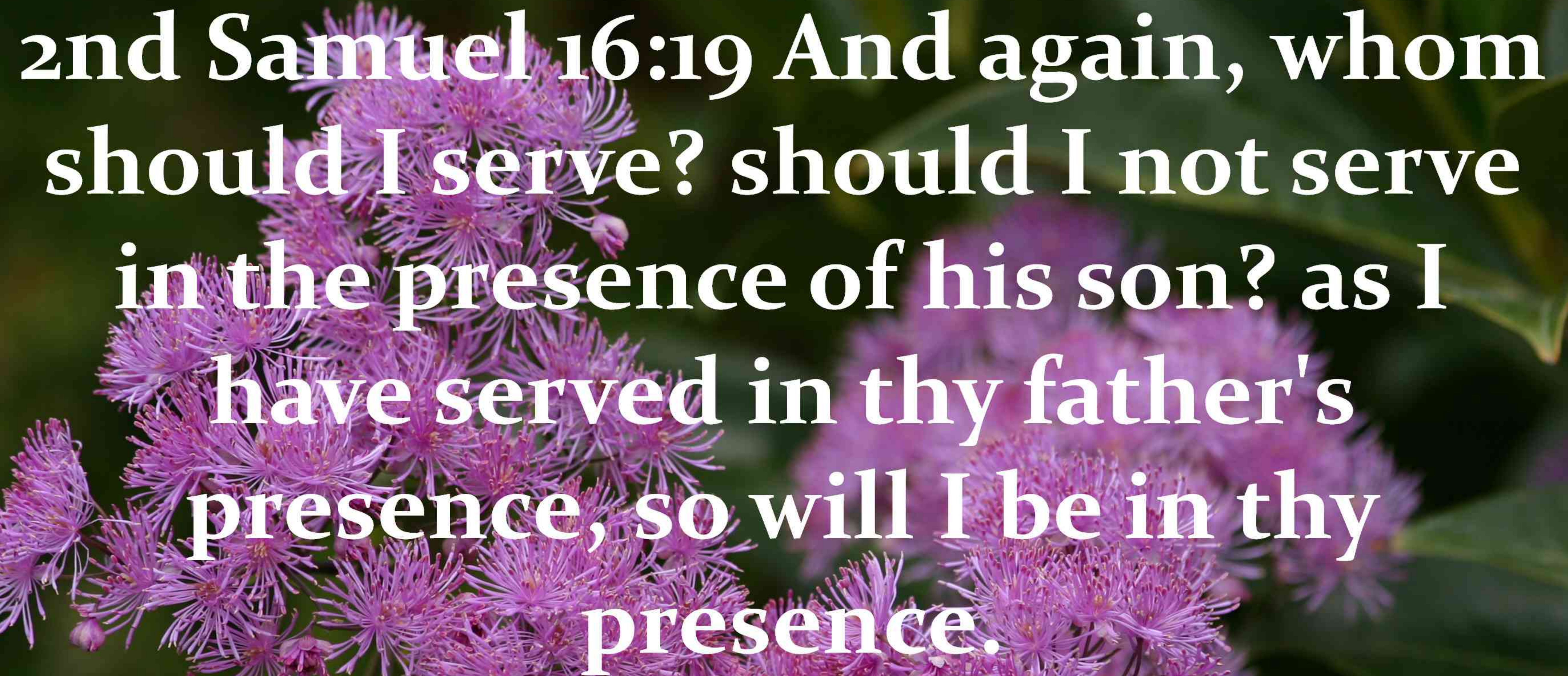




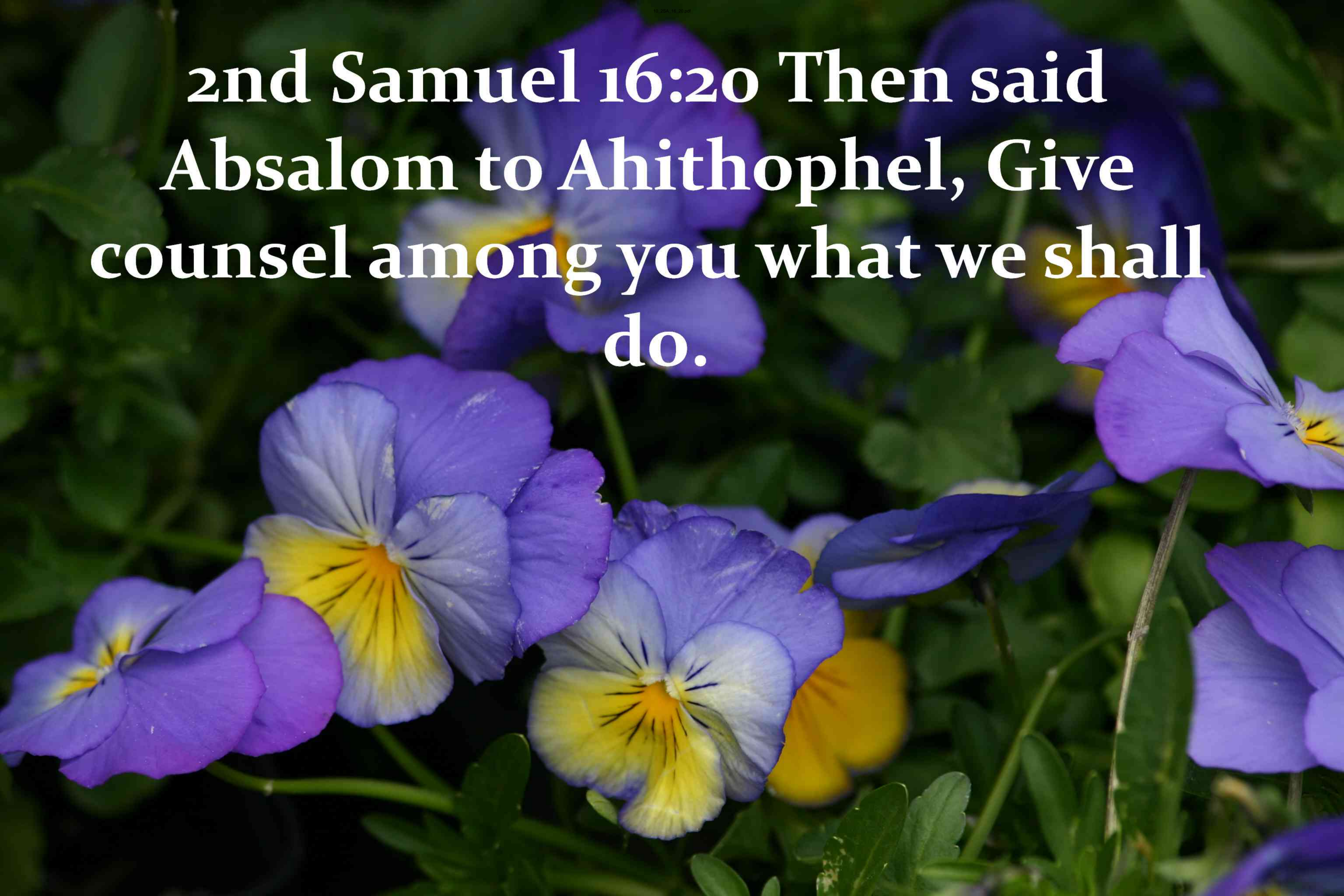
2nd Samuel 16:18 And Hushai said  
unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the  
LORD, and this people, and all the  
men of Israel, choose, his will I be,  
and with him will I abide.

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2nd Samuel 16:19 And again, whom  
should I serve? should I not serve  
in the presence of his son? as I  
have served in thy father's  
presence, so will I be in thy  
presence.

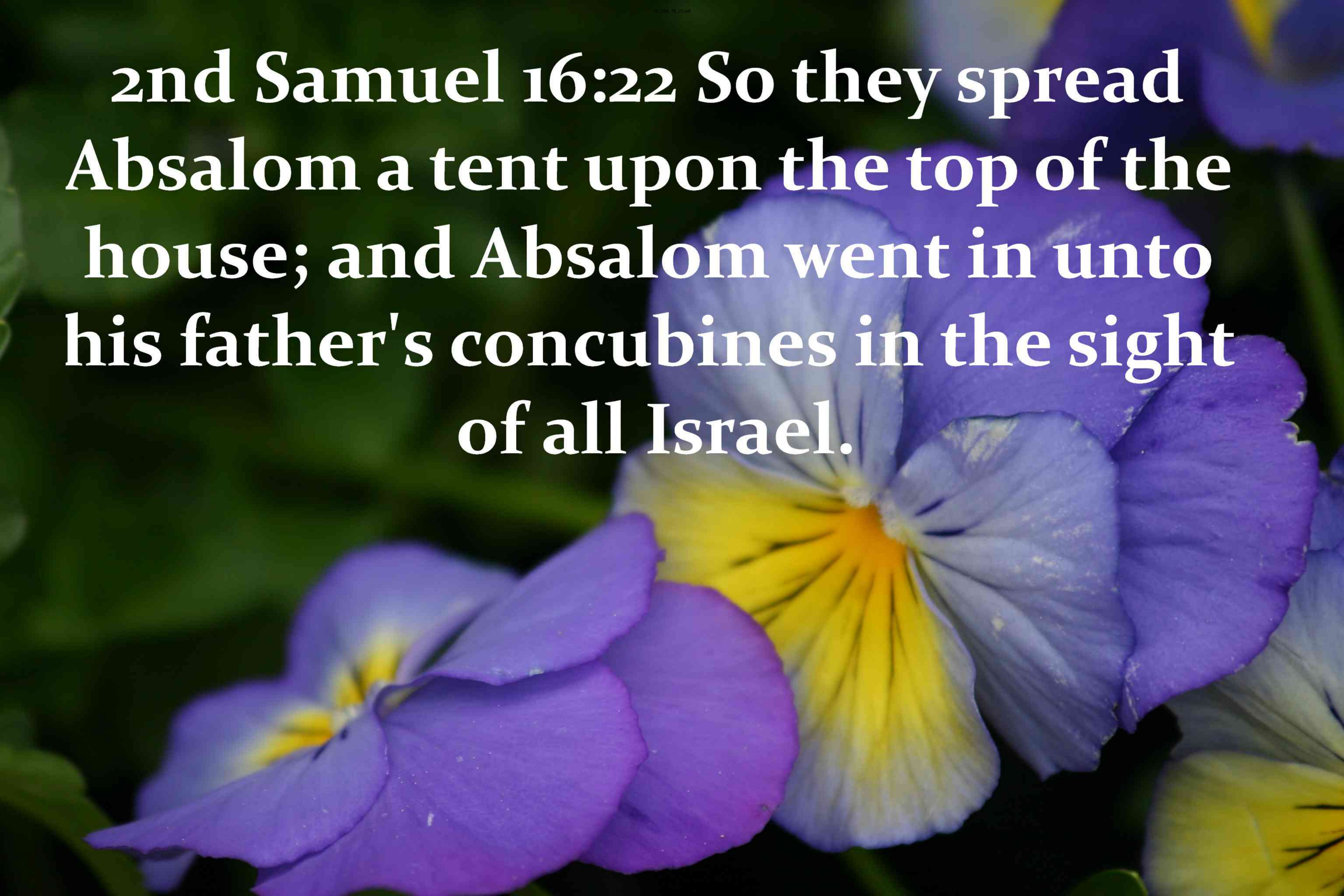


2nd Samuel 16:20 Then said  
Absalom to Ahithophel, Give  
counsel among you what we shall  
do.



2nd Samuel 16:21 And Ahithophel  
said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy  
father's concubines, which he hath  
left to keep the house; and all  
Israel shall hear that thou art  
abhorred of thy father: then shall  
the hands of all that are with thee  
be strong.

2nd Samuel 16:22 So they spread  
Absalom a tent upon the top of the  
house; and Absalom went in unto  
his father's concubines in the sight  
of all Israel.



2nd Samuel 16:23 And the counsel  
of Ahithophel, which he  
counselled in those days, was as if  
a man had inquired at the oracle  
of God: so was all the counsel of  
Ahithophel both with David and  
with Absalom.