

COVENANT

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

Mephibosheth and David
2 Samuel 9:1-8



2 Samuel 9:

1 ¶ Then David said, "Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." 3 The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king,



2 Samuel 9:

"There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet." 4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar." 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6 Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said,



2 Samuel 9:

"Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!" 7 David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly." 8 Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard a dead dog like me?"

The Victorious Life!

- David takes down ... Everyone!
 - He is confirmed King of all Israel
 - He has made plans for a Temple...
 - ...and been blessed with a promise
 - God has secured him peace
 - Hey David... What do you do now?

David's Memory

- In Victory, kindness?
 - David starts thinking of all his blessings
 - And his friends!
- Is there anyone of "the house of Saul"
 - No bitterness or remorse...
 - "for Jonathan's sake"



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1 Samuel 20:14 "If I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? 15 "You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

Kindness of God

- Showed to David:
 - Through Samuel
 - Through Jonathan
 - Through Nathan
 - Who has showed you His "kindness"?
 - *cheeced*

A Broken Life

- Jonathan's son - lame feet
 - Lost parents, title, privilege
 - Lost opportunities
 - Living with Machir ('sold') in
 - Lo debar "not a pasture" - wow!

Before the throne

- Mephibosheth falls down...
 - Unknown reason for being there...
 - Called by name...
 - *hinneh 'ebed* – here, your servant
 - Do not fear!
 - Kindness because of your father

Unseen Blessings

- All the land of your grandfather!
 - This would have been massive!
 - All his fortunes and potential...
- Eat at my table!
 - Best of everything, personal
 - Just a dead dog? NEVER!





Broken Welcome!
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