

“LOOKING BACK AFTER LOOKING UP”

II Samuel 9:1-13

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The disastrous inward focus (pronouns): *Chapter 7* (“deserved” grace)
- B. The confident upward focus (waiting on the Lord): *Chapter 8* (undeserved extravagant grace) (*Isa. 40:31; Ps. 27:14*) (See back)
- C. The integrity of an outward focus: *Chapter 9* (extended extravagant grace) (See back)

II. THE INTEGRITY ASSOCIATED WITH KEEPING YOUR WORD:

- A. God reminds David of two promises he made: **v. 1**
 - 1.
 - 2.
- B. The unlikely recipient of these broken promises: **vv. 2-4**
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 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. Gracious integrity practically applied: **vv. 5-13**
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 - 3.
 - 4.
- D. The portrayal of Christ in this Old Testament story:
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 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

Defining grace – the unmerited, extravagant favor of God extended to the human race which cannot be purchased or earned. Grace must be **experienced** before it can be more fully comprehended.

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

"Grace is love that extravagantly gives where there is no merit and where there is much demerit, to those who resist and run from the gift, and it is grace that extravagantly gives time and resources at great cost to the giver."

"Satan wants to keep grace from us. But if he can't do that, he attempts to distort grace. Since you are saved and kept by grace alone and not by works, he suggests your works don't really matter, freeing you up to think you can live however you want to live."

"Those who distort grace focus on God's job of 'forgiving' at the expense of their responsibility to 'obey'. The New Testament continually reminds us that living under grace does not relieve us of the obligation of eager obedience; it intensifies that obligation – a standard that leads to joy, not misery. Joy comes from obeying God. While it is true that there is nothing we can do to earn God's love, there are plenty of things we must do to enjoy God's blessings." Jeffress

Defining Integrity - Being undivided and fully aligned in what you believe, say, and do before God. Being the same on the inside as he or she claims to be on the outside. It is who I am and what I do when no one else is looking. The five core values or attributes of integrity are honesty, consistency, accountability, fairness, and trustworthiness.

* It is not the amount of sin, it is the fact of sin, that condemns us. More people drown in less than 9 feet of water than in 90 feet of water. We are sinners by birth, sinners by nature, sinners by choice, and sinners under condemnation. But many of us are egomaniacs strutting our way to hell, thinking we are too good to be damned." Rom. 6:23; Ja. 2:10