

## 2 Samuel 9 - Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

- The chapter before us is amongst the most fascinating studies in the pages of Holy Writ, as it relates to the typology of Jesus as our savior.
- What we'll do is first go through it verse by verse as we always do then we'll see how it points to our salvation in the person of Jesus Christ.
- As we do, I know you'll begin to see the thread of typology that's woven into the fabric of this account where David restores Mephibosheth.

1 Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!" 3 Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." 4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

- This is interesting for a number of reasons not the least of which is that David is making good on his covenant with Jonathan in 1 Sam. 20.
- Namely, that of showing kindness to Jonathan's descendants, even though the custom of the day was to put to death any potential rivals.
- This because, as descendants of the house of Saul, they could seek to unseat the house of David, and retake the throne as king of Israel.

- Another reason I find this interesting is because David seeks out someone else after Ziba is called to David and saying he's at his service.
- One would think that David would just make good on his covenant with Jonathan and show kindness to Ziba for his father Jonathan's sake.
- To me, this begs the question of why David would not just assume that Ziba was the only one left given that he's the only one who came.

- I believe the answer is twofold, the first of which is because David possessed spiritual discernment, and the second is concerning this Ziba.
- Let me explain, while I realize I may be reading too much into this I would suggest that David sensed something just wasn't right about him.
- Perhaps David sensed that Ziba was hiding something, and or someone, which; as it turns out he was, as we'll now see in the next verses.

5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" 7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." 8 Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

- I don't know if you noticed this or not, but there is a remarkable contrast between Ziba's response to David, and what Mephibosheth does.
- Here we're told that Mephibosheth immediately falls on his face and prostrates himself before David, whereas conversely, Ziba does not.
- The reason I point this out is because of the aforementioned discernment on David's part concerning something not being right about him.

- Actually, David's suspicions towards Ziba will be found to have merit, as we'll see when we get to 2 Samuel chapters sixteen and nineteen.
- As it turns out, this Ziba is indeed deceptive and will soon falsely accuse Mephibosheth of wanting to overthrow David and take the throne.
- What makes him so diabolical is he is the one that wants to overthrow David, especially after David restored everything to Mephibosheth.

- Be that as it may, it seems David saw right through Ziba, which may explain why it is that he restores everything to Mephibosheth instead.
- I'm of the belief that when Mephibosheth fell on his face prostrating himself, and, Ziba wouldn't, David realized that he should be restored.
- Those of you who were with us for our study back in 2 Samuel chapter 4, have already been introduced to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:1-4 1 When Saul's son heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost heart, and all Israel was troubled. 2 Now Saul's son had two men who were captains of troops. The name of one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin. (For Beeroth also was part of Benjamin, 3 because the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been sojourners there until this day.) 4 Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.

- Here we're told how that Mephibosheth was crippled at age five when he fell as a result of his nurse fleeing at the news of Saul's death.
- I find it rather interesting how that even though he was crippled and couldn't walk as a result of his fall that he would still fall on his face.
- Ziba wasn't crippled and could have fell on his face with great ease but doesn't, Mephibosheth who is crippled yet with great difficulty does.

9 And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. 10 You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons." 12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

- I can't help but wonder what must be going through Ziba's mind right about now as he learns that he will be the servant of Mephibosheth.
- While I realize he tells David that all his Lord has commanded his servant, so will his servant do, I can't imagine that he's happy with this.
- The reason I say that is because of what we see Ziba do in retaliation against Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 16 and again in 2 Samuel 19.

2 Samuel 16:3 - Then the king said, "And where is your master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'"

2 Samuel 19:24–30 (NKJV) — 24 Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And he had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he returned in peace. 25 So it was, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, “Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?” 26 And he answered, “My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, ‘I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go to the king,’ because your servant is lame. 27 And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king, but my lord the king is like the angel of God. Therefore do what is good in your eyes. 28 For all my father’s house were but dead men before my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. Therefore what right have I still to cry out anymore to the king?” 29 So the king said to him, “Why do you speak anymore of your matters? I have said, ‘You and Ziba divide the land.’ ” 30 Then Mephibosheth said to the king, “Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch as my lord the king has come back in peace to his own house.”

- For the remainder of our time together in God’s Word, I would like to talk about the aforementioned typology that’s here in just this chapter.
- More specifically, how that Mephibosheth is a type of fallen man who is saved by faith through grace, and how David is a type of Christ.
- I’ll take it a step further and submit that as I see it, Ziba is a type of the adversary who lies, deceives and falsely accuses Mephibosheth.

Mephibosheth means broken to pieces and shame	We have broken fellowship with God - sin’s shame entered the world
Mephibosheth was crippled as a result of a fall	We have been crippled spiritually as a result of the fall
Mephibosheth was separated from David because of his ancestors	We have been separated from God because of Adam and Eve
Mephibosheth was banished because of the willful sin of others	We have been banished because of the willful sin of Adam and Eve
Mephibosheth hid from David out of fear not knowing of his love	We hide from God out of fear not knowing that He so loved the world
Mephibosheth had a death penalty over his head	We have been sentenced to death as the wage of sin
Mephibosheth was in the house of Machir, which means “sold”	We have been sold into the bondage of sin
Mephibosheth was in Lo-debar, which means “no pasture”	We are in a place of barrenness apart from Christ as our shepherd
Mephibosheth was with Ammiel, which means “God’s people”	We are with the Jews, who are God’s chosen people
Mephibosheth hid from David for some fifteen years	We sometimes run from the Lord for many years
Mephibosheth was lost and as such sought out by David	We are the lost Whom Jesus sought to seek and save
Mephibosheth was likely carried by others to David	We are carried by the Holy Spirit to our greater than David, Jesus
Mephibosheth was unable to come to David in his own strength	We are unable to come to Christ in our own strength
Mephibosheth thought David would condemn him to die	We are no longer guilty or condemned in Jesus Christ
Mephibosheth humbled himself in surrender before David	We humble ourselves when we surrender our lives to Christ
Mephibosheth is the recipient of David’s saving grace through faith	We are the recipients of salvation by grace through faith
Mephibosheth is restored above and beyond what was lost	We are restored exceedingly abundantly more than what we lost
Mephibosheth is adopted into the royal family	We are adopted into a royal priesthood
Mephibosheth is shown mercy because of a covenant	We are shown mercy because of the New Covenant
Mephibosheth is shown kindness because of another	We are shown kindness because of the death of another in our stead
Mephibosheth will eat continually with David at his table	We will eat for eternity with Jesus at His table in His kingdom
Mephibosheth was given servants by David as king	We will be given servants by Jesus as King of kings
Mephibosheth was given the inheritance of his father’s house	We will be given our inheritance in our Father’s house
Mephibosheth still suffers the effects of his fall after he’s saved	We still suffer as a result of the fall after we’re saved
Mephibosheth is weak but David becomes his strength	We are weak but Jesus is our strength
Mephibosheth will still be falsely accused by his brethren, Ziba	We will still be falsely accused by the accuser of the brethren
Mephibosheth is deceived by Ziba	We are deceived by Satan
Mephibosheth is lied about by Ziba	We are lied about by the father of lies, the devil himself
Mephibosheth cares not about the land but only being with David	We lay up treasures not on this earth as our heart is in heaven
Mephibosheth lives all his days with king David	We will dwell for all eternity with our King Jesus, the son of David