

## David

### Part 17

#### 2 Samuel 9

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

- In Chapter 7 David asked, “What can I do for God?” and he proposed to build a temple for the Lord. Now David asks another question, What can I do for the house of Saul?
- It was customary in those days for the king of a new dynasty to completely massacre anyone connected with the prior dynasty. When David purposed in his heart to bless instead of curse the house of Saul, he went against the principle of revenge and against the principle of self-preservation.
- If David had considered Saul and his household as an enemy he would have already accounted for each one. Because David was not guilty of the blood of Saul he had to ask the question. How good it was for David to not be guilty with the blood of Saul.
- In the same way every follower of Jesus should be encouraged. Keep your hearts pure and trust God to deal with those who set themselves against you.

#### Vs. 2-4

**2** Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?”

“At your service,” he replied.

**3** The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?”

Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.”

4 “Where is he?” the king asked.

Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

- The fact that David had to find someone to ask if anyone of Saul’s household was alive tells us that most likely Mephibosheth had remained in hiding, in fear of losing his life.
- But David is different from Saul...
- David is different from other kings...
- David made his motives clear to Saul and his men, now he has the opportunity to prove it once again...

David says these words

### **Vs. 3**

“Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?” or the “The kindness of God” NKJV

- I love that David is specific in saying the kindness of God.
- There is a difference between the kindness of man and the kindness of God...
- The kindness of man is very conditional, but the kindness of God comes from a place of love that is much deeper.

### **Jeremiah 31:3**

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing **kindness**.”

### **Psalms 106:7**

When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles; they did not remember your many **kindnesses**, and they

rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.

### **Galatians 5:22,23**

**22** But the fruit (result, effect) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Kindness:** Kind - Fit for use. virtuous, good. Manageable, pleasant. Oxford: the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

- What David sought to do for the house of Saul was not because Saul was good to David, but because God was good to David...

### **Vs. 5-8**

**5** So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

**6** When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, "Mephibosheth!"

"At your service," he replied.

**7** "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

**8** Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

- *"Mephibosheth must have been terrified when messengers from David knocked at his door and demanded that he come with them to see the king. In the back of his mind, he anticipated the day when*

*David would do as other kings did and massacre every potential rival to his throne.”* **Guzik**

## **David responds**

### **Vs. 7**

“Don’t be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”

- David’s kindness towards Mephibosheth is a wonderful example of God’s kindness towards us.
- The day is coming for each of us to also stand before the King.
- To be summoned to stand before the King is a fearful thing. What will he say, will he be pleased with me or angry?
- For Mephibosheth when the day finally came, he was humble, he bowed down and honors David, and the first words from David may have surprised Mephibosheth “Don’t be afraid,”
- When David was just a soldier in Saul’s army he wasn’t so scary.
- When David was just another Hebrew boy he wasn’t scary at all.
- But now David is the king and he carries all authority.
- Reminds me of John’s encounter with Jesus in Revelation

### **Revelation 1**

**10** I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, **11** saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia...”

**12** Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, **13** and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

**14** His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **15** His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; **16** He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. **17** And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. **18** I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.

- John remembers Jesus on the dusty roads of Galilee... teaching on a hillside to multitudes...
- John remembers Jesus having conversation around the camp fire and the dinner table...
- But now John sees Jesus high and exalted with a name that is above every name. His countenance is radiant and he is filled with glory. John falls to the ground like a dead man and Jesus puts his hand on his back and says, “Do not be afraid”
- David also says to Mephibosheth, “I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father.”
- How thankful is Mephibosheth for his father now and the relationship that he had with David. It has come back to bless him.
- There is a powerful foreshadowing here: Because of our Heavenly Father, salvation like what Mephibosheth experienced has also come to us. “For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”
- David kept going, he said “I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul and you will always eat at my table.”

## **By David is a foreshadow and type of Christ**

1. David sought out Mephibosheth
2. David made a Covenant with Mephibosheth so he can boldly approach David and not be afraid...
3. David restores to Mephibosheth what was meant to be his.
4. David established Mephibosheth a place at his table, like a son. This was an opportunity for close relationship with the king.
5. David restored Mephibosheth's place in the kingdom.

### **Vs. 9-13**

**9** Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. **10** You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

**11** Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons.

**12** Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. **13** And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

- Think about this picture for just a minute; what kind of king would invite a lame man a place at his table every day?
- What kind of a king would go out of his way to find a remnant of the man who tried to take his life?

- What benefit would David ever expect to receive from showing kindness and goodness to a Mephibosheth?

**This is the difference between the kindness of man and the kindness of God...**

### **Luke 14**

**12** Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. **13** But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

### **There are 4 kinds of love in the Bible**

#### **Phileo**

This type of love is characterized by friendship, and deep fondness, often seen between close friends.

#### **Storge**

This love is familial, referring to the natural affection between family members, such as parents and children.

#### **Eros**

This type of love involves romantic love like what is experienced between a husband and wife.

#### **Agape**

This refers to unconditional, selfless, and sacrificial love, often described as God's love for humanity. It's a love that seeks the best for others, even at one's own expense.

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