

Abundant Blessings to the Undeserving

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2 Samuel 9:1-13

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The Proof of David's Walk with God

- True believers are transformed by God's work^{Ps1:3}
- This chapter is the pinnacle of David's transformed grace
- When Jesus redeems, results happen^{Jn15:5}
- David is a forerunner and type of Christ

David Reflects on Things

- In peace & blessings, David seeks to share grace with others
- Ziba, Saul's servant provides the answers

Mephibosheth's Sad Story

- Lame since he was dropped on the day of his father's death^{2S4:4}
- He also lost inheritance (wealth & land) & royal privileges
- He lived in 'Lo-debar' which means "no-pasture"
- When summoned by David apparently in fear⁶⁻⁷

We are Mephibosheth

- Found himself in pitiable situation - could do nothing to change
- Born into a house of rebellion - we're sons of Adam^{Gen2:6;3:13-19}
- M was crippled physically - we're crippled spiritually^{Eph2:1-3}
- M lived in 'no-pasture' out of fellowship; we're cursed^{Gen3:17}

Why David Shows Mercy

- M rightly feared David - why would David show mercy?
- David showed mercy due to another^{Jonathan v7}
- How can you follow David's example - bless others

A Covenant Mercy

- David's covenant promise to Jonathan^{1S20:14-15}
- David remembered & followed through on that promise!
- The value of covenant bonds: marriage; church membership
- Mephibosheth had nothing to do with the covenant - before born
- Image of God's mercy - *that I may show the kindness of God to*³
- Because of Jesus we get covenant benefits^{Heb13:20-21;Jn6:36-40}
- See the power of *hesed* love!

The Blessings of Covenant Love

- David went beyond covenant:*eat at my table*¹⁰... *like one of king's sons*¹¹
- We get blessing thru faith in Jesus^{Jn1:12-13}; WSC Q34 adoption
- M came fearing, but experienced amazing blessings!
- Gospel: we deserve nothing coming from a rebellious family^{Adam} deserving God's wrath. We were crippled and unable... Eph 2:1-9

Our Redemption is Also a Restoration

- David restored the royal inheritance M lost⁷
- David ensured it would be maintained^{Ziba}
- Believers are now fellow heirs with Christ^{Rom8:16-17}
- We are restored because of Jesus to His inheritance^{1Pet1:3-5}

We are Under God's Care & Provision

- David appointed Ziba, et.al to care for M's lands
- We are given Spirit & prayer to provide for us^{Mt7:7-11}
- Prayer not for selfish gain, but for kingdom^{Lk11:2}

All Because of Christ!

- Mephibosheth was restored for the sake of Jonathan
- Believers are redeemed for the 'sake of Christ'^{Eph1:3;1Jn2:12}
- When you doubt your worth - remember it is about Christ's glory

More Than We Ask or Think!

- Mephibosheth always remained lame... not so with Christ
- Christ is more powerful^{Eph3:20-21}
- Jesus has physical & spiritual power^{Mt11:3-5}
- Jesus will restore everything^{Rev21:4}