

Pictures of Mercy

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2 Samuel 19:9-40

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A Brief Review

- David is fixing kingdom things after sinful grieving & Joab's rebuke
- Remember, most of Israel had rebelled w/ Absalom...
- Wondering how they will be treated⁹...

A Confused People

- The people's dilemma⁹⁻¹⁰ in their own words...
- David catches wind of this and acts by sending priests to the elders of Judah
 - appeals to their pride¹¹: Judah led last time, do that again...
 - appeals to relationship¹²: Judah was David's tribe...
 - dealt w/ their anxieties¹³: appointed Amasa to show no retribution
- David's proactive plan worked great¹⁴ David came back to the Jordan¹⁵
- Place was Gilgal - where Joshua renewed God's covenant^{Josh9:6}
- Gilgal = *'today I have rolled away the reproach'* ^{Josh5:9} what David was doing!
- David's mercy & grace points us to Jesus' mercy & grace^{Titus3:5}
- David sent priests, we are called as priests with the Good News^{1Pet2:9}
- David could be merciful because he received undeserved mercy^{2Sam12:10-11}
- True mark of a believer: forgiveness^{Col3:12-13}

News of Mercy Travels Fast

- Others quickly hear of David's extended mercy
- Shimei^{2515:5-8} cursed David, begged for mercy; Shimei deserved death²¹, but David shows mercy and grace! Consider Jesus: Titus 3:3-7
- Ziba^{2516:1-4} again ministers to David¹⁸. We don't know his motives...
- Mephibosheth^{259:1-13} shows up disheveled, David asks why not accompany me? Ziba deceived me²⁶ David splits assets between Ziba & Mephibosheth - Mephibosheth doesn't care, just rejoices in David's return.

Mercy Rewarded

- Barzillai^{17:27} comes to see David off. Wealthy, very old and willing to use resources to bless kingdom. Did what was expected but David tried to reward and he passed blessing on to Chimham.

Lessons:

- Odd stories - but lessons for us^{Rom15:4}
- David was a sinner but received forgiveness and granted it to others. Jesus taught believers Lk 11:4 we are to forgive as we have been forgiven!
- Jesus paid for your sins^{Gal3:13}, raised for your righteousness^{Rm4:25;1Cor15:17} so think DAILY about the mercy you have received and pass it on!
- David called and granted mercy as people came to him, Jesus likewise^{James4:8}
- Shimei confessed his sins & found mercy. David could forgive because he was forgiven^{2512:13}. We also receive forgiveness let us run to the Jesus^{1John1:9}
- let us like Mephibosheth not worry about things of world but joy of Savior
- Like Barzillai, use your resources^{which are God's} to do kingdom work and we'll hear *well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Master*^{Mt25:21}