

2 Samuel Chapter 9

And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? ² And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

³ And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. ⁴ And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

Verse 1 – David inquires if there is any left of Saul' house so he can keep his word to his friend Jonathan. He remembers his promises...David is a type of Christ....he doesn't seek Saul's house right away....but doesn't forget and is not slack concerning his promises.

Verse 2 – There was a servant who was from Saul's house. The King asks him who he is. Wants him to confirm his identity. He confirms who he is before David. We need to do the same. Know who you really are speaking with.

Verse 3 – Ziba is asked if anyone is left. He confirms that Jonathan has a son left alive who is lame. Lame on his feet, walk is hindered. Nevertheless, the King is looking to keep his word and bless him. Notice the purpose of the King looking for him is to show him kindness.....the type of Christ. The real Christ is looking for us for the same reason.

- Application – Jonathan's son past and current condition did not disqualify him from being saved from his current condition and situation. The same is true for us today.
- Jesus our King is seeking out those who are lame, those who have not been walking correctly or upright in their life. That should be a reason to praise. His plan is to show kindness to those who are lost.

Verse 4 – King wants to know where this son is. He is staying with someone else from Lodebar = not pasture or place of nothing.

- Interesting, the translation for where this son lived means he was staying in a place or situation where his future was leading to nothing.
- Application – Christ the King wants to turn around your going nowhere and hopeless future into something fruitful and prosperous. No matter your situation or crime....there is always a promise of hope in Christ. He is our hope for the hopeless.

⁵ Then King David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar. ⁶ Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! ⁷ And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

Verse 5 – King David sends for him out of that place that is not associated with pasture.

Verse 6 – Mephibosheth = exterminating the idol or by some...the shameless one, comes to David as requested. He arrives with reverence and humility. There is no sin of entitlement in him. David calls his name and he answers as his servant to the King.

- How do we enter His presence? We should remember who God is and enter His presence with reverence and thanksgiving and praise. There is a reward to all when you come to Him correctly.

Verse 7 – Words of encouragement and promises from the throne:

- Don't be afraid.....always hold on to that when you are in right standing before the King.
- He promises he will show him kindness...sure thing.
- He will restore...means what he lost, his inheritance....that will come back to him.
- He may have been without this for a while....but the King says he will bring it back to you.
- Eat at the King's table...eat his bread continually....no stop, no expiration date, no lack.

Being lame for him has some advantages.

Application – everything David offer to Mephibosheth is what Christ offers us today! Jesus Christ is calling all to repent and change their mind about living in the past and coming into continual relationship and peace with him.

⁸ And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am? ⁹ Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. ¹⁰ Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹ Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

Verse 8 – After the blessing and promise, Mephibosheth remains humble. Still refers to himself as a servant....doesn't lose sight of who he is before David. Sees he has received grace and mercy....he didn't see himself as deserving. Thought his future was dead.....but it is really just starting to get good.

Verse 9 – David calls Ziba back and restores him to the service of Saul's house.

Verse 10 – Ziba is commissioned to serve and bring forth the increase for Mephibosheth. His family commissioned to support this as well as his own servants. Shares with him that his master's son will be taken care of.

Verse 11 – Ziba's response.....we will do what you said. He will be a servant. His legacy and that of his house was to serve.

- There is benefit and honor in this service. In serving Mephibosheth, they are serving the King.
- Great application here, there is a reward when we do a service for others in response to the King. The King still desires that we serve others for the Kingdom!

¹² And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. ¹³ So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

Verse 12 – Micha = who is like God is his son. Ziba serves him.

Verse 13 – Mephibosheth changed his address from place of no pasture to Jerusalem; so he could be close to the King's table always. He was still lame in both feet....still couldn't get around easy...but having and experiencing his best season. Just because you don't get it like you want it...doesn't mean you won't get his best.

Application (Courson) – Our story, we are the shameless ones who have taken a fall, lame from past decisions and previous falls trying to save ourselves. How we accept His grace, to find ourselves eating bread from His table continually, allows us to receive and prosper. How we accept His call will be critical to our success.

Note on Ziba, chapter 16 and 19; he appears to lie on his master to gain favor with David.