

God's Dedication Toward Us

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Read 1 Samuel 20: 14-17 What promise had David made to Jonathan?

Why was this very important in that culture?

Proverbs 20:25; Numbers 30:1-4; Psalm 15 What importance does God put on vows we make?

David is a man of his word; God keeps his Word; We need to keep our word!

2 Samuel 9:3b-8 And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." 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. Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 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!" 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." Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

What happened to Jonathan's son that caused him to see himself as a dead dog?

What has happened in your life that Satan has used to cripple you in some way?

What do you think makes a "lame" person hide from God?

Read 2 Samuel 9: 9-13. How is David's response to Mephibosheth a picture of how God responds to us when we come to Him in brokenness and humility?

God's grace brings us love!

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

According to Ephesians 2:8-10, how are we saved?

What part do good works have in the whole process of salvation?

Read Romans 8:31-32. What can stop us from being victorious in Jesus?

God's grace brings us restoration. 2 Corinthians 5:17

God's grace brings us acceptance. Ephesians 3:1-6

God's grace brings us abundance. How is Mephibosheth sitting at King David's table a picture God's provision for us?

Do we deserve God's abundance?

Take your eyes off your "feet" and look to the King!!

Matthew 6:33 ...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Dedication to the Lord

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**David is a man of his word; God keeps His
Word;
We need to keep our word!**

**This demonstrates to us the heart of God, His
dedication to us, His amazing grace for us!**

See: 1 Samuel 20:14-17

2 Samuel 9:2-3 *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! 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.*

**There are circumstances that try to keep us
crippled**

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Then David said, Mephibosheth? And he answered, Here is your servant! 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.

This is where God's dedication for us is seen because of His grace: He was hiding away from God and afraid of God.

Romans 5:19 *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.*

God is dedicated to us and we have HIS grace; that is free but not cheap

God's Grace Brings Us Love

David demonstrates the love and grace of God as he loves Jonathan's son and provides totally; you shall eat bread at my table CONTINUALLY!

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.] *AMP*

Romans 8:31-32 *What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?*

Grace is the powerful ingredient that will bind a man and woman together when their imperfection pulls them apart.

God's Grace Brings Us Restoration

2 Samuel 9:8 *Then he bowed himself, and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?*

God's Grace Brings Us Acceptance

1 John 3:1 *Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!*

Ephesians 1:5 *For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]—~~AM~~*

2 Samuel 9:9-12 *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. 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.*

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. Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.

From brokenness and barrenness to the table of the king.

So Mephibosheeth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

Mephibosheeth's crippled limp would be a constant reminder of God's grace to himself and all those who were associated with him.

God's Grace Brings Us Abundance

God offers salvation as a free gift and He is dedicated to the restoration of our relationship with Him.

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.

10: But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always.

11: As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons.

12: So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table

It is the destiny of every person to experience the victory of the Lord in their lives, notwithstanding whatever residue of our cripple past that may still linger with us.

Mephibosheth will eat bread at the king's table continually.

This was part of God's abundance

**Take your eyes off your "feet" and look to the
King**

Matthew 6:33...*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*