



Eating at the King's Table: David and Mephibosheth

Sermon Focus: 2 Samuel 9

Notes: Week Seven

So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the King's sons. (9:11)

Introduction:

Last week we saw how David took the favour and fame God gave him and turned it upward to God in worship. Today we also see how David took the favour God gave him and turned it outward toward others in kindness; sometimes to the least deserving. What a picture of God's love toward us as undeserving sinners! May the Holy Spirit reveal more of God's love and kindness to us today.

1. The Means of David's kindness was God's kindness (Ch. 8:6, 13 - 14; 9:3)
2. The Motive for David's kindness was for the sake of Jonathan (9:1, 7)
3. The Mercy in David's kindness was toward the most undeserving (9:3, 8)
4. The Measure of David's kindness was poured out lavishly (9:7, 9,11)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. What does the story of Mephibosheth teach us about assumptions we bring into our relationship with God? What attributes of God most surprise you? (cf. Lk. 15:2; Rom. 2:4; Tit. 3:4; 1 Jn. 3:1)
- ii. The Scriptures never suggest that Mephibosheth's feet were a topic of conversation at the King's table. What Spiritual lesson might this teach us? (Ps. 103:12; Is. 43:25; Zech. 3:1-5; 1 Tim. 1:12-17)
- iii. Who was the key person in David and Mephibosheth's lives that they shared in common? Who is the key person that the believer and God the Father share in common? What does this teach us?



Personal Study Notes

Scripture Focus: 2 Samuel 13-14

The Lord Judges David (starting at 11:1)

Amnon Rapes Tamar (13:1-22)

Absalom Murders Amnon, Then Flees to Geshur (13:23-39)

David is Reconciled with Absalom (14:1-33)

Parallels between Joab's Tale and Genesis 4:1-15

	Cain and Abel	Joab's Tale
Two brothers	Gen 4:1	v. 6
alone together in a field	Gen 4:8	v. 6
one killed the other	Gen 4:8	v. 6
concerns expressed about murderer being killed by others	Gen 4:14	v. 7
authority figure intervened to save murderer's life	Gen 4:15	v. 8
threat of retaliation for anyone contravening authority's decision	Gen 4:15	v. 10

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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