

David, Shepherd and King
#18 David Displays Grace, 2 Samuel 9
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Chapter 8 is a record of the expansion of David's kingdom.
Verses 14 & 15 summarize David's life at this time.

1. David's Investigation of the Descendants of Saul (1-4)

Another Example of David's Heart

The kings of David's time would ask that question for one reason,
to kill any remaining male descendants.

• **David's purpose was to extend grace**

The purpose for David's inquiry is "that I may show him kindness...
to whom I may show the kindness of God." The word "kindness" is *hesed*. This is a major theological
word in the Old Testament used
240 times. It means loyal love based upon a covenant. It combines
the concepts of mercy and grace.

David Is a Type of the Son of David

Romans 3:23-24, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that
is in Christ Jesus"

• **David was fulfilling a promise**

David had actually promised both Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:14-16) and Saul (1 Samuel 24:20-22) that
he would not destroy their descendants when he became the king. David was going above and beyond
those promises. It was David's love for Jonathan that caused him to show kindness to Mephibosheth.
Ephesians 4:32, "...even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

God Saves Us Because of Christ's Work, Not Our Works

• **Mephibosheth was suffering because of his father's sins**

Ziba reports to David, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet". Ziba seems to be
implying that this person isn't worth considering. David, however, is looking for "anyone...someone"
not a "somebody". The Bible records the events that caused Mephibosheth's condition in
2 Samuel 4:4. He was born into a rejected family. He was now helpless to save himself. Romans 5:6,
"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

When David learned that a son of Jonathan lived, he asked "Where is he?" Ziba informed David that
Mephibosheth was living in "Lo Debar" or the place of no pasture. This is symbolic as he was living
"in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel." This man will be seen later as a wealthy individual, 2
Samuel 17:27. He was living under condemnation fearing for his life.

David, like Christ, Was the One Who Was Seeking

Luke 19:10, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

2. David Called Mephibosheth Personally (5-6)

David Sent for Him and Called Him by Name

The salvation invitation is to "anyone" (1).

Romans 10:13, "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

• **God calls sinners individually**

The Bible teaches that God calls sinners personally to Himself.

Luke 19:5, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must
stay at your house." John 6:44 & 15:16

God calls sinners to Himself through the convicting work of the Holy
Spirit and the Word of God, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14. The human
aspect of God's call to salvation is "belief in the truth".

**God Calls Sinners to a Personal Commitment to His Son
Jesus Christ**

3. David Extended Grace to Mephibosheth (7-8)

He Expected Condemnation but Received Salvation

He had nothing, deserved nothing, could do nothing, and could pay nothing. That is a picture of each of us before a holy God. Isaiah 64:6, “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.”

- **Salvation is an undeserved unearned gift of pure grace**

Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Mephibosheth humbly accepted David’s gracious offer (8).

This illustrates that we must understand and accept that we are helpless and hopeless sinners before a holy God.

Romans 3:10, “There is none righteous, no, not one.”

Realizing that we can’t save ourselves, we fall upon the grace and mercy of God trusting in His Son to save us. We reject all other supposed means of salvation. Saving faith is taking God at His Word and trusting in Christ and Christ alone for eternal salvation, Ephesians 2:4-9.

Faith Is the Means by Which We Accept God’s Gift of Salvation

4. David Brought Mephibosheth into the Royal Family (9-13)

The Son of Jonathan became a Son of the King

David commanded Ziba and his sons to serve Mephibosheth and his family. (10) “But Mephibosheth your master’s son shall eat bread at my table always.” We see this four times in this chapter.

Mephibosheth would eat at the king’s table. This was a tremendous honor in Eastern culture.

- **In salvation we are both born and adopted into God’s family**

1 John 3:1-2, “...Beloved, now we are children of God...”

David also insured Mephibosheth’s inheritance, Romans 8:15-17.

Every time he hobbled to the table he was reminded that he is there only because of the grace of the king. We also have a disability called sin. Every time we sin, we are reminded that we here only by the grace the God.

Our Continual Sin Is a Reminder of His Constant Grace