



## **March 8<sup>th</sup> Rev Hugh M. Barlett**

**2 Samuel 9:1–13** And David said, “Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?” <sup>2</sup> Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” And he said, “I am your servant.” <sup>3</sup> And the king said, “Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?” Ziba said to the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.” <sup>4</sup> The king said to him, “Where is he?” And Ziba said to the king, “He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.” <sup>5</sup> Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. <sup>6</sup> And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, “Mephibosheth!” And he answered, “Behold, I am your servant.” <sup>7</sup> And David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.” <sup>8</sup> And he paid homage and said, “What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?” <sup>9</sup> Then the king called Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him, “All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master’s grandson. <sup>10</sup> And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master’s grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master’s grandson shall always eat at my table.” Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. <sup>11</sup> Then Ziba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table, like one of the king’s sons. <sup>12</sup> And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba’s house became Mephibosheth’s servants. <sup>13</sup> So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king’s table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Mephibosheth was part of the household of David’s rival Saul who had tried to kill him. He was also the son of Jonathan who was David’s dear friend. A potential enemy, lame and without any value to David’s status, military might, or fortune, David sought him out & blessed him!

Notice the picture of the gospel in this story. How does move us to love God for His kindness to us? Think about in relation to these verses:

**1-David pursues Mephibosheth...**

**5- David brought Him to His presence...**

**7-Puts His fears to rest**

**7-Kindness for the sake of another**

**7- Restore land and inheritance**

**7- Eat at table of the King**



**8- Blessing poured into the household and beyond**

**Reflect on how gracious King David was and King Jesus is...**

**How does reveal the heart of David?**

**Why is the kings banquet table an image that is used of the eternal and heavenly gathering? What does this tell us about God's relationship with us?**



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**2 Samuel 8:13-15** <sup>13</sup> And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. <sup>14</sup> Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. <sup>15</sup> So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people.

**Lord gives victory to His King**

**God's King brings justice & judgement to the nations.**

**God protects His people from His enemies**

**God's kingdom brings justice & equity to His people**

**Christ is a warrior over evil, sin & death**

**Matthew 16:18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

***1 Corinthians 15:22–26*** *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.* <sup>23</sup> *But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.* <sup>24</sup> *Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.* <sup>25</sup> *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.* <sup>26</sup> *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

***Psalm 2 Psalm 110***

***Isaiah 2:4*** *He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

***Ephesians 6:10–13*** <sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.* <sup>11</sup> *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.* <sup>12</sup> *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.* <sup>13</sup> *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*