

2 Samuel 9

King James Version (KJV)

(This is a parenthetical chapter – David was seeing to Saul's descendants' health and safety, as he had promised to Jonathan)

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? **1Samuel-20:15-16**

²And 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.

³And 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. (When his nurse learned that Saul and Jonathan were dead in Gilboa by the Philistines, she accidentally dropped the infant Mephibosheth and crippled him)

⁴And 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.

⁵Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

⁶Now 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! (Mephibosheth was Jonathan's son. He was probably expecting to be executed)

⁷And 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. (There was no word for grandfather in the Hebrew) (eating bread at his table was like adopting him)

NOTES: (Fear not - This is another sign that only God can be a King, and not men. David had so much power that Mephibosheth feared that David might kill him for just being a part of Saul's family. The kings had way too much power)

(Luckily for Israel, at this time, that David was a good and fair man. In later times, the people of Israel were persecuted by their own evil kings)

⁸And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am? (He was a humble man)

⁹Then 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. (David is appointing Ziba to be steward of the lands and property that he is restoring to Mephibosheth)

¹⁰Thou 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. (Ziba had the manpower to work the lands that David restored to Mephibosheth)

¹¹Then 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. (David is treating Mephibosheth like one of his own sons)

NOTE: (As Christians, we eat bread at the table of Jesus Christ. We call it communion. There is no greater blessing)

¹²And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

¹³So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet. (Crippled at the age of 5) (David kept his promise to Jonathan)