

II SAMUEL 9; April 24; David Honors Mephibosheth

ANALYSIS:

1. Who is Mephibosheth? _____

2. Who was David seeking when he discovered Mephibosheth?

3. Who is Ziba? _____

4. What favors did David carry out for the benefit of Mephibosheth?

5. What physical problem did Mephibosheth have?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David's merciful heart moved him to seek out a living descendent of Saul. His motive was to do good to that person in honor of his memory of Jonathan, Saul's son. It appears that David did not know of Mephibosheth until Saul's former servant, Ziba, tells about him. Can you imagine David's excitement when he learns that his very special friend, Jonathan, has a living son. David calls him to Jerusalem. (He probably came in fear not knowing what was to happen to him!) David's first words to him, "Fear not..." were surely a great comfort. David elevates him to a place at his table among his own sons. What a wonderful picture of God's mercy in our salvation. When we were enemies, God made us His sons forever!

Are we like David in going out of our way to show undeserved kindness or favor to someone who has treated us unkindly or shamefully?

HELP:

1. The son of Jonathan, the son of Saul (v 6).

2. Is any left of the house of Saul that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? (v 1).

3. A servant of the house of Saul (v 2), having 15 sons and 20 servants (v 10).

4. Restore all of Saul's land to him, Make him to eat at the king's table continually as one of the king's sons, Commanded Ziba to farm Mephibosheth's land and bring him the fruits (vs 7-10).

5. He was lame in both feet (v 13).