**2 Samuel 9** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+9/)

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**David's Kindness to Mephibosheth**

9 And

David said,

“Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul,

that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?”

2 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.”

3 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.” (See 2 Sam. 4:4.)

4 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.”

5 Then King David sent

and

brought him from the house of Machir

the son of Ammiel,

at Lo-debar.

6 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.”

7 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.”

8 And

he paid homage

and

said,

“What is your servant,

that you should show regard for a dead dog

such as I?”

9 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.

10 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.

11 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.

12 And

Mephibosheth had a young son,

whose name was Mica.

And

all

who lived in Ziba's house

became Mephibosheth's servants.

13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem,

for he ate always at the king's table.

Now

he was lame in both his feet.