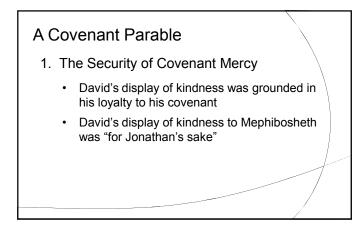


¹⁴ If I am still alive, will you not show me the <u>lovingkindness</u> of the LORD, that I may not die? ¹⁵ You shall not cut off your <u>lovingkindness</u> from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."
¹⁶ So Jonathan made a *covenant* with the house of David,

saying, "May the LORD require *it* at the hands of David's enemies." ¹⁷ Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life.

(1 Samuel 20:14-17)

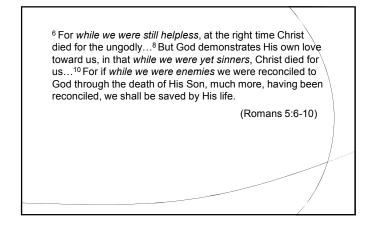


A Covenant Parable

 God's covenant mercy toward us is secure because of Christ ("for Christ sake")

A Covenant Parable

- 2. The Recipients of Covenant Mercy
 - Mephibosheth represents one who is helpless and in need of mercy
 - Mephibosheth represents an unlikely candidate of the king's kindness ("house of Saul")



A Covenant Parable

- 3. The Benefits of Covenant Mercy
 - protection safety from the king's wrath
 - provision given a secure inheritance
 - position seated at the king's table

¹¹ I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;. (Matthew 8:11)