

## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

“Behold the kindness and severity of God...”

(Romans 11:22)

2 Samuel 9:1-13

## A Covenant Parable

<sup>4</sup> Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

( 2 Samuel 4:4)

<sup>14</sup> If I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? <sup>15</sup> You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.”

<sup>16</sup> So Jonathan made a *covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, “May the LORD require *it* at the hands of David's enemies.” <sup>17</sup> 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)

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### 1. The Security of Covenant Mercy

- David's display of kindness was grounded in his loyalty to his covenant
- David's display of kindness to Mephibosheth was “for Jonathan's sake”

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

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### 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")

<sup>6</sup> For *while we were still helpless*, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that *while we were yet sinners*, Christ died for us...<sup>10</sup> For if *while we were enemies* we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

(Romans 5:6-10)

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### 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

<sup>11</sup> 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)