

Grace at the King's Table

1. Seeking Out the Undeserving

David, now securely established as king, **remembers his covenant with Jonathan**. He asks, *“Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”* (2Samuel 9:1).

This is a beautiful picture of **God’s grace**. Just as David sought out someone to bless—not because they earned it, but because of his promise—**God seeks out people to bless, not because they deserve it, but because of His love and faithfulness**.

- **Lesson:** God actively looks for ways to show me grace. His blessings in my life are not because of my efforts but because of **His covenant, His love, and His faithfulness**.
- **Application:** Instead of thinking, *“I must earn God’s blessings,”* I need to rest in the fact that **God’s kindness is based on His character, not my worthiness**.

2. Broken, Helpless, and Invited

Jonathan’s son **Mephibosheth was crippled**, unable to do anything for himself. When David’s men brought him to the palace, **he probably expected to be executed**, since kings in that time often wiped out any remaining family of their predecessors. Instead, David said, *“Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan’s sake.”*

Mephibosheth **represents me before God**—broken, unworthy, and unable to stand before the King. Yet God **calls me to His presence, not to condemn me, but to bless me**.

- **Lesson:** Just like Mephibosheth, I have nothing to offer God—I come to Him weak, broken, and in need of grace. But instead of rejecting me, **He welcomes me**.
- **Application:** I need to stop hiding from God, fearing judgment. Instead, I should **run to His grace**. He is a King who welcomes the broken!

3. A Place at the King’s Table

David **restored everything that belonged to Mephibosheth**—land, servants, wealth. But more than that, he **invited him to eat at the king’s table as one of his own sons** (2Samuel 9:11).

This is the gospel! God not only **forgives me**, but He **adopts me**. He doesn’t just restore what was lost—He **brings me into His family**, allowing me to sit at His table, as His child.

- **Lesson:** Grace doesn’t just save me—it **elevates me to a place of honor**.
- **Application:** I don’t have to live as a spiritual beggar, thinking of myself as unworthy. God **has brought me into His house**—I should live in the **confidence and gratitude** of someone who belongs at His table.

4. Serving Others Because of Grace

David assigned **Ziba and his household** to care for Mephibosheth's land. **He didn't just give him a blessing—he made sure it was sustained.**

When God blesses me, **it's not just for my sake**—He positions me to be a blessing to others.

Mephibosheth had nothing, but after David's kindness, **he had people working for him and resources to provide for others.**

- **Lesson:** God doesn't just **bless me for my benefit**—He blesses me so I can be a **conduit of His grace** to others.
- **Application:** Am I using what God has given me—whether time, resources, or influence—to serve others? Just as God provides for me, **I should look for ways to bless those in need.**

Final Takeaways

- **God seeks me out**—not because I deserve it, but because of His love and faithfulness.
- **I come to Him broken, but He welcomes me** with grace.
- **I have a place at His table**—I belong, and I don't need to live in fear.
- **God blesses me so that I can bless others**—I should pass on His kindness.

Bottom Line:

I was once **broken and undeserving**, but **God sought me out, restored me, and gave me a seat at His table.** Now, I am called to **live in gratitude and extend that same grace to others.**