

Eating At The King's Table 2 Samuel Chapter 9 Verse 13

2Sa 9:13 "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet." Mephibosheth is a picture of each child of grace today. How can this be? Spiritually, you are lame in both legs, until your new birth. When you are born again; King Jesus will call for you, and you will realize that you are under the penalty of death for sin. You will realize that you have no merits of your own to plead before the King. When Christ has sought after you and called you to his presence, you will do as Mephibosheth and fall on your face before him; recognizing that you are a dead dog in your own sight. This is understanding your depravity, which is a good thing. It is evidence to you that you have been born again and are a child of God.

Remember, King David told Mephibosheth: **2Sa 9:7 "And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually."** Notice that King David first told Mephibosheth: **"be not afraid"** then, that he would show him kindness, for the sake of the covenant with his father. He told him that he would restore his father's lands to him, but **"thou shalt eat bread at my table continually."** When you understand that you are condemned to eternal death for your sins, you will fall in fearful reverence before King Jesus, you will hear the words: be not afraid, I will restore you to a right relationship with God the Father, and you will eat bread at my table continually.

How is this possible? Remember that Mephibosheth's father, Jonathan, had made a covenant with anointed to be king David, that David would not kill him, or his family, when David became king, and that he would show kindness to his seed forever. As was common law in the world at this time, when one king took the place of another, they would slay all the former king's family to secure their position and claim upon the throne. When Adam chose to disobey God and became dead to God in trespasses and sins, all humanity became subjects to the devil. Therefore, all mankind was placed under the penalty of eternal death for sin.

When Jesus came into the world in a body of flesh, he came with a covenant to save all of God's people from the penalty of eternal death for sin, and that he would always show kindness to God's chosen people. This is the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ: that he loved God's people enough to give his life to purchase them as a bride to himself in the eternity.

Consider, also, that the lameness in Mephibosheth's legs were not healed when he was brought to the king's table. What significance does this have for us? When you are born again, the infirmity of your depraved nature is not removed. You are still unable, in your own strength and power, to present yourself before God with merit. You can only come before God under the covenant blood of the righteousness of King Jesus.

Think about this for a moment: **2Sa 9:5 "Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar."** Machir means to sell, as a daughter in marriage, which indicates that we were bought, with a price, to be the bride of King Jesus. Ammiel means people of God, which tells us that we are secured forever in the purchase transaction that has taken place to secure the bride of King Jesus. Lodebar means pastureless, which indicates that we were in a wilderness place having no pasture. Being summoned from Lodebar, to appear before our King Jesus, is manifested in making our public profession of faith in the finished work of King Jesus. Answering this summons, awards you the right to go in and out and find pasture, as seen in: **Joh 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."** God's people are often identified as sheep in the bible. We all know that sheep need pasture to feed upon to live, therefore, we see that for God's people to live they must be fetched out of Lodebar. Being removed from Lodebar, we see the picture of God's people, being led in and out of the sheep cote, by the Great Shepherd of our souls to green and pleasant pastures, as eating bread at the king's table continually.

What a great God we serve, who abounds in mercy and graciousness toward his people. How thankful we should be that Jesus was willing to give his life to purchase a bride unto himself. How thankful we should be that King Jesus has called us out of Lodebar to come to him. What willing subjects we should be to our gracious, and merciful, King, Jesus the Christ, who would not leave us in Lodebar, a place of no pasture, because he remembered his covenant promise, and who feeds us continually from his table. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!