

Living in Light of God's Truth A Taste of Grace

2 Samuel 9:1-13

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I. God's Grace Takes the Initiative and Comes Looking for Us

If you're a Christian, you are saved, born again, forgiven, and covered in a robe of righteousness, but you did not find God. He went looking for you, saved you, and gave you all of that freely by His grace and for His glory.

The grace of God is not passive. It's active and takes the initiative because our Savior – King Jesus – is on a mission to seek and save lost sinners!

2 Samuel 9:1-13 talks about King David who was a type or foreshadow for King Jesus. That's why Jesus in the Gospels called Himself the Son of David over and over, not because He was a descendant of David, but because King David at his best, gave us a glimpse into the heart of our true king, Jesus.

That heart was a seeking, saving heart which is what you see right here in King David.

v. 1 "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul...?"

v. 3 "Is there not still someone...?"

v. 4 "Where is he?"

David's not asking if anyone's qualified, deserving, sharp enough to help him in government matters, or in top physical shape to use in his army.

He simply says, "Is there anyone, in any shape or any place, that I could bless?" It's unconditional and dripping with grace.

Once David was securely seated on the throne, he went looking for members of Saul's family. It wasn't unusual for a new king to go looking for members of the previous king's family to kill them and eliminate any threat to the throne, but David went looking to bless!

Mephibosheth was Saul's grandson who was crippled and had shattered feet since a nurse dropped him while trying to run with him when word arrived that his grandfather, Saul, and his father, Jonathan, had been killed in battle. While on the run, there was no time to properly set the bones and so he never walked again.

At this point, Mephibosheth was 20 yrs. old, living in fear as a fugitive, wondering when the dreaded day would come where there'd be a knock on the door, and he'd be taken away to be executed.

But that knock actually changed his life forever in ways that he could have never imagined.

He had been living and hiding in Lo Debar which was a place that was about as far north as you could go and still be in the kingdom of Israel. The name Lo Debar means dry or desert place.

The same is true for the King of the universe who's been calling us while Satan's lying and trying to convince us that God's not good, that He'll ruin your life, and that He's out to get you.

If you know Christ, aren't you glad He found you and brought you out of Lo Debar, set your feet on a rock, and gave you streams of living water so that you'll never thirst again? No more Lo Debar!

Colossians 1:13 "For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves."

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

"...Know this: Your sin does not intimidate Jesus...[because] He is better at saving than you are at sinning...He moves toward the needy, the outcast, the messed-up, the sinful. He doesn't recoil in disgust. He doesn't keep His distance. He makes the first move...He approaches...He reaches out..."

- Ray Ortlund and Sam Allberry, *You're Not Crazy*

II. You Can't Earn this Grace

2 Samuel 9:6 "And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage..."

The only appropriate place of grace is down on your face because it humbles you and puts an end to "How great I am!" and gets you singing, "How Great Thou Art!"

2 Samuel 9:8 "And he paid homage and said, 'What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?'"

In that day, there was nothing lower in the Hebrew culture than a dead dog. So, Mephibosheth took a posture of being dead, worthless, and despised. He didn't start spouting off anything about what he deserved or who his father and grandfather were.

- What about you? Are you willing to fall on your face and accept amazing grace? Or are you still busy thinking about how good you are, what you deserve, and what you think you bring to the table?

2 Samuel 9:7 "And David said to him, 'Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan...'"

David said he was doing this for Jonathan's sake! Jonathan's relationship with King David earned Mephibosheth a seat at David's table. That's what King Jesus does for us! His relationship with the Father earns us a seat at the table! It's a seat that can never be jerked out from under you because Jesus never changes!

Ephesians 2:4-9 "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is

the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

We're all equally bankrupt before God and must flee to Christ! He is our only hope!

III. You Can't Lose this Grace

Notice an adverb that gets used **3x** (**vv. 7, 10, and 13**) in this story of Mephibosheth because it makes all the difference – “always.”

That is so good and so like God because this grace never expires, never runs out, never fails, and can never be shaken or taken from you!