Mephibosheth – A Study in Gracefulness

Ralph Walker · 2 Samuel 4:4

INTRODUCTION

- In her hurry to flee, he fell, and he became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.
- I want to look at it first of all from the standpoint of David, and then I'm going to look at it from the standpoint of Mephibosheth, and then I want to see what it means to us.
- Nowhere in the Bible, with the exception of the cross of Christ, will we see grace so beautifully displayed.

1 David Shows the Kindness of God

1 Samuel 20:14–15

- David is motivated by one thing. It's his love for somebody.
- You shall not cut off your loving kindness from my house forever.
- He's now wanting to make good on the promise.
- He does not ask the question, is there anybody deserving of my grace?
- Is there somebody of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?
- There is a son of Jonathan, but he's lame in both feet.

2 Mephibosheth, a Man Filled with Grace

- Here is your servant. What does he want to reassure him of? David, I'm yours.
- Don't fear. I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan.
- What is your servant that you should regard a dead dog like me?
- A dead dog has no value. That's the point Mephibosheth is making.
- He's rich. Overnight he's rich. By David's words, he has given everything.

3 You Shall Eat at My Table Regularly

- The one thing that stood out, not because David repeated it three more times, but because of the incredible blessing given him, you shall eat at my table regularly.
- Nobody in Israel ate like the kings of Israel.
- This is not Mephibosheth gets to come once a month. He eats at David's table regularly.
- It's about who you get to share the food with.
- It's not just we'll feed you the food from the table, we'll treat you like family.
- Mephibosheth. I think sits at that table every night and pinches himself. I can't believe I'm here. I have no right to be here.

4 Mephibosheth, It’s Me

- Folks, Mephibosheth. It’s me. It’s me. I fit the bill in every way.
- I became lame in my soul, absolutely incapable of living the life I wanted or needed to live.
- Here’s what God said. Ralph, you shall eat at my table regularly.
- And many shall come from the east and west and do what? Sit down at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Mephibosheth had nothing, he deserved nothing, and he received everything.
- I am a child of the king, not by pedigree, but by the grace of God.

THE CHALLENGE

Don’t pass up the kindness of God.

MY NOTES