

- we were received for the sake of another (Titus 3:3-7; Ephesians 1:6)
- we have been adopted into the family of our heavenly King (Rom 8:15; Eph 1:5)
- we are received in all of our deformity which is a constant reminder of grace (1 Tim 1:15-16)

Think it over....
Are you Mephibosheth?

Are you still in hiding from the King, in desperation, fear and deformity...then hear His invitation to COME and find the mercy and GRACE of the King - forgiven of your sin and shame and start a new life with Christ.

Or, maybe you have confessed Jesus as your Lord and this morning, have come to see that Jesus seeks an intimacy with you that you have never allowed yourself to have with Him? Let Him carry you to His table and enjoy a deep fellowship with Him today and enjoy Him forever!

After God's Heart
A New Kingdom and Amazing Grace
2 Samuel 4:1-12 and 9:1-13
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Part 1: The New Kingdom (2 Samuel 4:1-12)

- Trusting in human wisdom leads to ultimate destruction (4:1-4)
- Beware of making decisions out of selfish ambition (4:5-8)
- Selfish people ultimately get what they deserve (4:9-12)

Part 2: Amazing Grace (2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-13)

- Mephibosheth: The lone survivor of Saul's dynasty (2 Sam 4:4)

David demonstrates grace toward Mephibosheth:

- by initiating the act to find him (2 Sam 9:1; 1 Sam 20:13-17; 24; 20-22)

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- in spite of his condition or abilities (2 Sam 9:2-3)
- in spite of his personal poverty (2 Sam 9:4-5)
- calls him by name (2 Sam 9:6)
- assures him of his motive (2 Sam 9:7-8)
- restores all that he lost (2 Sam 9:9-11)
- ate at the king's table forever (2 Sam 9:13)

David pictures Jesus as our great King and Redeemer:

➤ Like *David*...

- Jesus is waiting for his Father to reveal Him as the King of kings

➤ Like Mephibosheth....

- humanity once enjoyed uninterrupted fellowship with our king (Gen 1:26-2:25)
- we became spiritually lame because of the fall (Gen 2-3, Rom 5:12-14)
- we were Christ's enemies (Rom 5:5-10)
- we were in a desperate and desolate place (Eph 2:1-3,12)
- we didn't seek the King, He sought us (1 John 4:10)
- we were called personally by the King (John 10:3)

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