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God eats with us every day

Summary of 2 Samuel chapter 9

When David ruled Israel, he thought of Jonathan's son Mephibosheth and asked if there were any descendants of Jonathan still alive. He learned that Mephibosheth was too young to take care of herself. So David sent for Mephibosheth and invited him to the palace to provide him with all his needs. Mephibosheth was amazed at David's generosity because he was a lame man who could not walk like a normal person. But David told him that he would take care of him and treat him like his own son. David also restored the land and possessions of Mephibosheth's father, Jonathan, and allowed him to eat with him every day. This chapter expresses David's kindness and love, as well as his commitment and respect for Jonathan.

9:11 And Zeba said unto the king, Whatever my lord my king commandeth his servants, his servants shall do. And the king said, Mephiboshes shall eat with me, as the king's sons did.

9:13 So Mephiboh took up residence in Jerusalem and ate often with the king. He was lame in both legs.

# God eats with us every day

God is with us in our daily life, providing us with wisdom and strength to help us feel His love and grace in every meal. May he calm the irritability of our heart, and let us find peace and comfort in his bosom. May we develop a deeper relationship with God and feel His endless love in my moments of dinner with Him. May we find peace of mind and joy in prayer and meditation.

Holy Spirit, Eternal Revelator, our daily companion, may God stop at our table. In our daily lives, he is our guide and close companion. fill our plates with my grace so that we can share this beauty in a grateful mood.

Every bite of food is a gift from God, a bountiful generosity of God. As we taste the food, may our hearts feel God's presence and experience God's tenderness and love. May God's Word ring at our dinner table, reminding us of the true meaning and purpose of our lives.

At the dinner table, may God's presence fill our conversations with love and peace. May God be revealed in our words and fill our communication with wisdom and goodness. May God's inspiration flow through our sharing and deepen our fellowship.

The Holy Spirit, he is our daily gift and an integral part of our lives. May we get to know him more deeply and be more eager to walk with him in the moment of eating with us. May our lives be enriched by his presence and enriched by his grace.

We are to respect and revere the divine nature of the Holy Spirit. He is one of God, and His existence and work are beyond our comprehension, so we should face Him with reverence. We are to humbly accept the guidance and teachings of the Holy Spirit. We should acknowledge our own limitations and ignorance, and be willing to listen to the word of the Holy Spirit and submit to His guidance.

We are to be thankful because the Holy Spirit is a gift from God and a sign of God's presence with us. We want to thank Him for being with us every day, guiding us, comforting us, and giving us strength and wisdom.

We need to desire a deeper fellowship with the Holy Spirit and a deeper understanding of Him. We should open our hearts to Him and allow Him to operate in our lives and shape us into more Christlike people.

Being with the Holy Spirit requires a heart of humility, reverence, gratitude, and desire. Such a mindset will make us more sensitive to His guidance, more deeply experienced His presence, and more fully submitted to His will.

Hebrews 12:12

Straighten up your drooping hands and limp legs, therefore;

Hebrews 12:12 tells us to straighten our drooping hands and limp legs. This phrase is not only about physical strength and tenacity, but also about encouragement to the spirit and faith in our lives.

When we feel tired, frustrated, or confused, it tends to leave our hands drooping and our legs limp. This can be due to life's stresses, challenges, or adversity. However, the Bible reminds us to stand up and be steadfast in the face of life's difficulties and challenges.

Straightening our drooping hands means that we don't give up easily, but take the next step firmly. Even in the face of difficulties, we need to maintain faith and courage in our own abilities and God's help.

Straight, limp legs mean that we are not bothered by fear and insecurity, but rather face life's challenges bravely. We must have the courage to act, the courage to face difficulties, and the courage to pursue our goals and dreams.

Therefore, Hebrews 12:12 reminds us to be strong, determined, and decisive in facing everything in life. No matter what difficulties and challenges we face, remember to straighten our drooping hands and weak legs, for we will be able to overcome them all, both in God and in our efforts.

We pray

"Thank you, Holy Spirit, for being with me every day and having dinner with me. May your name be exalted and blessed. Before each meal, I humbly come to you to seek your guidance and grace. May your presence fill my heart with peace and joy. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

# 2 Samuel

## **CHAPTER 9**

2Sa. 9:1 David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2Sa. 9:2 Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They called him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "Your servant," he replied.

2Sa. 9:3 The king asked, "Is there no-one still left of the house of Saul

to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet."

2Sa. 9:4 "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."

2Sa. 9:5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.

2Sa. 9:6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honour. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "Your servant," he replied.

2Sa. 9:7 "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

2Sa. 9:8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

2Sa. 9:9 Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family.

2Sa. 9:10 You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)
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2Sa. 9:11 Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's [Septuagint; Hebrew my] table like one of the king's sons.

2Sa. 9:12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of

Mephibosheth.

2Sa. 9:13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.

Chapter 9 of the book of 2 Samuel tells the story of David's kindness to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul. Mephibosheth had been crippled in both feet as a child and

was living in hiding in the town of Lo-debar. David seeks him out and offers to show him kindness for the sake of his father Jonathan, who had been David's close friend. David restores Mephibosheth's inheritance and invites him to live at the royal court, where he will be provided for and will eat at the king's table. Mephibosheth gratefully accepts David's offer and bows down before him in humility. The chapter emphasizes David's kindness and loyalty to his friend Jonathan and his desire to honor his covenant with him. It also highlights David's compassion for the marginalized and the disadvantaged, as he seeks out and provides for a disabled member of Saul's family.

Here are some important verses from chapter 9 of the book of 2 Samuel:

- 1. "David asked, 'Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2 Samuel 9:1) This verse sets the stage for the chapter, as David expresses his desire to show kindness to any surviving members of Saul's family in honor of his close friendship with Jonathan.
- 2. "When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, 'Mephibosheth!' 'At your service,' he replied."
  (2 Samuel 9:6-7) This verse introduces Mephibosheth, the surviving son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul, and shows how he comes before David and pledges his loyalty.
- 3. "David said to him, 'Don't be afraid, for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." (2 Samuel 9:7) This verse demonstrates David's kindness and generosity towards Mephibosheth, promising to restore his family's land and to always provide for him as a member of the royal court.
- 4. "And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet." (2 Samuel 9:13) This verse shows how David fulfills his promise to Mephibosheth, providing him with a home in Jerusalem and a place at his table, despite Mephibosheth's physical disability.

Overall, chapter 9 of 2 Samuel is a touching and poignant story of David's kindness towards Mephibosheth, the surviving member of Saul's family. The chapter highlights David's loyalty and honor towards Jonathan, his friend, and demonstrates the depth of his character as a leader. The chapter also underscores the importance of kindness and generosity in relationships, emphasizing the power of these virtues to transcend social and political divisions.

! In 2 Samuel Chapter 9, we encounter a beautiful story of David's kindness and the restoration of Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan. Here are some key reflections from the chapter:

David's Compassion and Covenant Loyalty: The chapter begins with David's desire to show kindness to anyone remaining from Saul's house for the sake of his covenant with Jonathan. David's compassionate heart and his commitment to honoring his covenant with Jonathan demonstrate his character as a merciful and just king.

Mephibosheth's Restoration: David learns about Mephibosheth, who is crippled in both feet, and invites him to live in the king's palace. This act of kindness restores

Mephibosheth's position and inheritance, showing David's desire to bless and care for the descendants of his beloved friend, Jonathan. It highlights the power of grace and restoration in the face of brokenness.

The Reversal of Fortunes: Mephibosheth, who was once living in a place called Lodebar, a desolate and insignificant town, is brought to dwell at the king's table as one of the king's sons. This reversal of fortunes symbolizes God's ability to transform our lives and bring us from a place of despair to a place of honor and abundance. It showcases God's grace and the unexpected blessings He bestows.

David's Generosity: David not only restores Mephibosheth's inheritance but also provides for him by assigning Ziba, a servant of Saul's household, to work the land on Mephibosheth's behalf. David's generosity extends beyond mere words and demonstrates his commitment to ensuring Mephibosheth's well-being and flourishing.

The Message of Grace: The story of David and Mephibosheth serves as a powerful message of God's grace and mercy. It illustrates how God, like David, seeks out the broken and restores them to a place of honor and blessing. It shows that God's love extends to all, regardless of their circumstances or limitations.

Overall, 2 Samuel Chapter 9 reflects David's kindness, his commitment to his covenant with Jonathan, the restoration of Mephibosheth, the reversal of fortunes, David's generosity, and the message of God's grace. This chapter teaches us about the power of kindness, compassion, and the restorative nature of God's love. It reminds us of the transformative impact that acts of grace can have on the lives of others.

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