



Undeserved
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Unrepayable

II Samuel 9



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“The narrator’s seemingly unnecessary repetition of David’s question in v. 3 (cf. v. 1) is in fact significant in establishing the theme of this chapter. It underscores that David was not an enemy of ‘the house of Saul’ (v. 3); **in fact, he was an agent of ‘God’s kindness.’**”

– R.D. Bergen, New American Commentary: I, 2 Samuel



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- **Command** : Do not fear.
- **Promise #1** : I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan.
- **Promise #2** : I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father.
- **Promise #3** : You shall eat at my table always.



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Closing Reminders

- “He ate always at the king’s table.”
(9:13) - Mephibosheth’s future
- “Now he was lame in both feet.”
(9:13) - Mephibosheth’s past

Similarities

Mephibosheth	Event/Status	Us
<p>“Dispeller of Shame” Full of disgrace & shame</p>	Identity / Name	<p>“Children of wrath” (<i>Eph. 2:3</i>)</p> <p>“dead in trespasses and sins” (<i>Eph. 2:1</i>)</p> <p>“strangers and aliens” (<i>Eph. 2:19</i>)</p>

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Mephibosheth	Event/Status	Us
Physically crippled Lame Could not heal or fix himself	Condition	“dead in sin” <i>(Eph. 2:5)</i> “having no hope” <i>(Eph. 2:12)</i>

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Refugee Living in Lo-Debar	Location	“In the world” <i>(Eph. 2:12)</i> “Once were far off” <i>(Eph. 2:13)</i>

Similarities

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<p>No relationship to King David</p> <p>Descendant of previous adversary</p>	<p>Relationship to the King</p>	<p>“Separated from Christ” (<i>Eph. 2:12</i>)</p> <p>“Without God” (<i>Eph. 2:12</i>)</p>

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None	Qualities / Possessions to Offer	<p>“Having no hope” <i>(Eph. 2:12)</i></p> <p>“Filthy rags” <i>(Isa. 64:6)</i></p>

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King David	Initiative	“But God...made us alive” <i>(Eph. 2:4-5)</i>

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Jerusalem Seat at the king's table	New Home	<p>“Seated in the heavenly places” <i>(Eph. 2:6)</i></p> <p>“Brought near” <i>(Eph. 2:13)</i></p> <p>“Members of the house of God” <i>(Eph. 2:19)</i></p>

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Mephibosheth	Event/Status	Us
<p>All the land of Saul</p> <p>Seat at David's table always</p> <p>Servants</p>	<p>New Possessions</p>	<p>"Made alive" <i>(Eph. 2:5)</i></p> <p>"Immeasurable riches" <i>(Eph. 2:7)</i></p> <p>"Redemption and forgiveness of sins" <i>(Eph. 1:7)</i></p>

Similarities

Mephibosheth	Event/Status	Us
King David	Source of New Possessions	God

**“Grace isn’t picky. Grace doesn’t
look for things that have been
done that deserve love. Grace
operates apart from the
responsibility of the individual.
Grace is one-sided...”**

“...And this is what makes the story of David and Mephibosheth so memorable. A strong and famous king stoops down and reaches out to one who represents everything David was not.”

– Chuck Swindoll, David: A Man of Passion & Destiny



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