

#5 - 7/1/2018 - Valued - 2 Samuel 8-10

I. David conquers a large area of Israel - 2 Samuel 8:6,14.. ⁶ *Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to David, bringing tribute. **And the LORD helped David wherever he went.*** ¹⁴ *He put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. **And the LORD helped David wherever he went.***

With the Lord's help wherever he went David conquered the land of Israel from the Egypt River on the south to the Euphrates River on the North as described in 2 Samuel 8,10. His enemies fled before him. For map of Kingdom of David and Solomon click [here](#).

God promised this land to Abraham, *"To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:"* God later confirms this promise to Abraham's son Isaac and Isaac's son Jacob. When the Israelites were about to invade the Promised Land, God repeated the land promise: *From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory.*
B

The land God ultimately promised to Israel included everything from the Egypt River on the south to the Euphrates River on the north and everything from the Mediterranean Sea on the west to the a line somewhat east of the Jordan River.

The Jews finally lost all the land of David between 930BC-70AD, but as prophesied they returned and formed Israel in May 1948. They have increased the land but they still are not yet at the boundaries promised.

God kept His promises to Israel and in the future Israel will possess all the land promised.

Notes: A- [Genesis 15:18](#); B- [Joshua 1:4](#);

II. The Search for Someone to be Kind to-- for Jonathans Sake - 2 Samuel 9:1-13.. ¹ *Then David said, "Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, **that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?**"...* ³ *The king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?"* And Ziba said to the king, *"**There is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet.**"...* ⁵ *Then **King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.***

David and Jonathan had made a covenant of the Lord for each other. ^A Jonathan had helped David escape with his life from Saul; knowing David was to be the next king of Israel and not him. Saul and 3 of his sons were killed in battle; David had become king of all Israel and now was at rest with the Lord. He remembered his covenant with Jonathan and tried to find someone that he could *"show the kindness of God"* to that would fulfill his covenant commitment.

There was a son of Jonathan living east of the Sea of Galilee in a Gentile town; probably in hiding for his life. David sent for him and did not punish Machir for sheltering Mephibosheth. Machir was later loyal to David, helping him during the dark days of the war with his son Absalom ^B.

When we show grace, we are like God, who first showed grace to us. This scripture reminds us that we have an obligation to share grace with others. Just as there was a covenant between David and Jonathan; there are commitments that bind Disciples and others together today. Jesus said *"love your neighbor...and your enemies and pray for those who persecute you:"* ^C. The loyalty of Machir to David shows that we may some day need the kindness that we have shown to others.

Are we encouragers or discouragers in our every day life of the people we meet? Am I an [encourager](#) or [discourager](#)? [Careless words we speak!](#)

Notes: A- [1 Samuel 20:8, 14-17, 42](#); B- [2 Samuel 17:27-28](#); C- [Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 5:43-44; Matthew 28:18-20](#)

III. David said "fear not" to Mephibosheth - 2 Samuel 9:6-7a.. ⁶ *Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!"* ⁷ **David said to him, "Do not fear,**

Imagine Mephibosheth's mindset as he went into the presence of the king of Israel. He had been in hiding for at least 15 years after the death of his grandfather Saul and father Jonathan and likely did know of the covenant between David and Jonathan. He must have been experiencing some fear. I wonder if I approach the all-powerful God, creator of the universe Who gave His Son for my sins with a healthy fear or reverence.

Mephibosheth fell on his face and said *"Here is your servant!"* Then he heard some of the most repeated words in the Bible, *"Do not fear."* Here David says this but in other places Triune God and angels say "Fear not", or "Do not be afraid", "Do not fear." Many years ago I did a study on "Fear not." ^A I have never been the same after this study but examination and repentance is daily required because my 3 enemies- my flesh, Satan and the world system, tempt me to be fearful, worry and bitter. Jesus knew me when He said; *"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"* ^B

Fear not, but trust in the Armor of God all the time! Triune God is present in my life wherever I go and whatever my circumstances!

Notes: A- For a link to 51 of these "fear not" scriptures from Genesis to Revelations click [here](#); B- Luke 6:46

IV. Grace and kindness for Mephibosheth - [2 Samuel 9:7b-8](#)..^{7a} *David said to him, "Do not fear,* ^{7b} *for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan,*

David told a nervous man "fear not"^A because I am going show to kindness to you, not because you deserve it, but because of a covenant I made to your father, Jonathan. ^B David promised to restore his father's inheritance and to feed Mephibosheth at his table on a regular basis.

Disciples are commanded; *"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."* ^C We also know that kindness is the middle fruit in the list of the fruit of the Spirit. We are also commanded to pursue kindness with all diligence. ^D

Therefore kindness is very important for a Disciple today, but in very short supply in our world. In all the world there is trouble. The news each night in 2018 has stories about a lack of civility and kindness in the USA. The last week included a member of the president's staff being refused service in a restaurant and an assault on a newspaper with 5 killed.

Are we as individual Disciples guilty of being unkind and discouraging toward those who oppose Jesus and us by our actions and words? ^E God exchanged the sins of repentant sinners who believe in Jesus for God's righteous because Jesus loved every person and died for sins. We certainly do not deserve His kindness, grace and mercy.

I will recognize every day that I do not deserve the grace and mercy of God. Every day I will be filled by the Holy Spirit with knowledge, guidance, strength, and the fruit of the Spirit so I will be kind and encouraging to everyone.

Notes: A- For Fear not click here.??? B- [1 Samuel 20:8, 14-17, 42](#); C- Ephesians 4:32; D- [Galatians 5:22-23a, 2 Peter 1:5-7](#); E- click for [Am I a Discourager? Careless words with the power to discourage. Be an encourager!](#) We are commanded to love God and our neighbor and our enemy! [Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 5:43-44](#)

V. David appointed Ziba as steward over Mephibosheth's holdings - [2 Samuel 9:9-13](#)..⁹ *Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.* ¹⁰ *You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall eat at my table regularly."*

David said I have **given** to Saul's grandson all that belonged to Saul and placed Ziba as steward of Mephibosheth's sizable estate. Mephibosheth's son, Mica, would eat the food produced by the estate and be the principle beneficiary of the income of the land. Mephibosheth would eat at the king's table at David's expense and probably David would provide for all of Mephibosheth's needs. Mica would inherit the land and its income, but not Mephibosheth's place at David's table. Ziba was once a high

official or steward in Saul's court and had fifteen sons and twenty servants and the skills required to manage the large estate.

David completely fulfilled his obligations to Jonathan. He reassured Mephibosheth that he was safe, provided for his needs, gave him dignity within his own court, and saw to it that Mephibosheth's son was financially secure. David reflected the character of God, who receives us in grace and provides far more for us than we could ask for or deserve.

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VI. Summary/application of 2 Samuel 8-10:

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6. Memorize **#5 - 2 Samuel 8:15** *So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people.*

Previous Memory Verses for review:

1 Peter 3:15 *sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; [NASB] Memorize in the Bible Version you prefer!*