

God's Kindness



MEMORY VERSE: "How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!" 2 Samuel 7:22



2 SAMUEL 7:18-22

David's Prayer of Gratitude

1. God promised David that his family line would last forever - a dynasty. David's line remained unbroken from father to son until it was completely fulfilled at the birth of Jesus. Based on our definition, what does God being Sovereign mean for your life?
2. What is the 1st thing David did after hearing God's promise to him? How does he speak of himself? How does he speak of God? v. 18
3. Read verses 19-22. David is overflowing with humility and gratitude. What do you think it looks like to be humble before God?



2 SAMUEL 8:13-15; 9:1-5

A Kind and Just King

4. Read verses 13-15. David knew his success was not because he was great, but because his God was great. Where do you need to rely on God's strength and power instead of your own?
5. What does David want to do? vv. 1-5
6. What does it mean to show God's kindness?



7. What did David do to honor Jonathan's family and show God's kindness?
8. How did this help Ziba and his family as well?
9. What kind of impact do you think this had on all the various people that received God's kindness through David?
10. What are some specific ways you have seen God's love and kindness to you this week?
How might you show God's love and kindness to others?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

David says that God brought all this good because He promised it, and because it was in His will. David then, in a Christlike manner, does the same thing. He shares the 'Kindness of God' because he promised Saul he would and because it is God's will. May you soak up the goodness and kindness of God in your life and share it with others as well! You will be blessed just as David was if you do!

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,
Thank you for your Kindness. There really is no one like You. I pray that Your will would be done in my life. Help me to recognize all the success and blessings in my life are from You. And help me share Your love and kindness with others the same way You have shown your love and kindness to me. In Your Holy Name I pray,
Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



In the last lesson, we learned about God's Holiness. In this lesson, we learn about God's kindness. It is pretty incredible that we have a God like this. Reread the Bible verse. What does this verse mean to you personally after studying David so far?

2 Samuel 7:18-22; 8:13-15; 9:1-13 (NLT)

18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and prayed, "Who am I, O Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And now, Sovereign Lord, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! Do you deal with everyone this way, O Sovereign Lord?"

20 "What more can I say to you? You know what your servant is really like, Sovereign Lord. 21 Because of your promise and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have made them known to your servant.

22 "How great you are, O Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!

13 So David became even more famous when he returned from destroying 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 14 He placed army garrisons throughout Edom, and all the Edomites became David's subjects. In fact, the Lord made David victorious wherever he went. 15 So David reigned over all Israel and did what was just and right for all his people.

1 One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive — anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked. "Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied. 3 The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them."

Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet." 4 "Where is he?" the king asked. "In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel." 5 So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home.

6 His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth." Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant." 7 "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!" 8 Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?" 9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household. But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) 11 Ziba replied, "Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded." And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table, like one of the king's own sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba's household were Mephibosheth's servants. 13 And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

Sovereign - God has complete power and authority; God has the power, wisdom, and authority to do anything He chooses within His creation. All things come from and depend upon God.

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