

"It's All in Who You Know"
2 Samuel 9

REASON FOR REUNION - NOT just be able to sing - Karaoke at Home

BEING WITH FRIENDS & LOVED ONES - OHANA - WHO YOU KNOW

PRECIOUS MEMORIES - MENTION NAME - smiles and tears

King David's CLOSEST FRIEND - Jonathan son of Saul

1 Samuel 18:1 Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he □
loved him as himself.

DAVID AT THE NEWS OF JONATHAN'S DEATH:

2 Samuel 1:26 I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were □
very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful □
than that of women.

COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP

1 Samuel 18:3,4 Jonathan made a covenant with David because he □
loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing □
and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, □
his bow and his belt.

STRAIN ON FRIENDSHIP - Jonathan's father - King Saul - JEALOUS

COVENANT OF FRIENDSHIP - DESPITE HARSH TREATMENT OF SAUL TO DAVID

1 Samuel 20:13-15 But if my father is inclined to harm you, may □
the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I do not let □
you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he □
has been with my father. {14} But show me unfailing kindness like □
that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, □
{15} and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family--not □
even when the LORD has cut off every one of David's enemies from □
the face of the earth."

OCCURED "the Lord cut off every one of David's enemies"

DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN

DAVID MADE KING - SOLIDIFIES KINGLY RULE

2 Samuel 7:1 the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had □
given him rest from all his enemies around him

2 Samuel 8:1 In the course of time, David defeated the □
Philistines and subdued them

§2 Samuel 8:13 David became famous after he returned from □
striking down eighteen thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

PRACTICE OF ANCIENT NEAR EAST - KILL all rivals to throne - HEIR

SURVIVING GRANDSON OF SAUL - SON OF JONATHAN

2 Samuel 4:4 (Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in □ both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and □ Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but □ as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. His name □ was Miphiboseh.)

EXPECTATION OF MEPHIBOSHETH?? v. 8, 7a

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

DAVID'S COMFORTING WELCOME

2 Samuel 9:7 "Don't be afraid for I will show you kindness □ for the sake of your father Jonathan.

IT'S ALL IN WHO YOU KNOW

SON OF SAUL - SON OF ROYALTY - SON OF PROMISE

NOT JUST SPARED - EXALTED

v. 13 "he always ate at the king's table"

LACKING IN NOTHING - EVERY NEED MET - RESOURCES / CONCERN OF KING

WHAT DOES THIS 3000 YEAR OLD STORY TELL US TODAY??

PICTURE OF THE GRACE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST

ALLEGORY - GREATER DAVID - DAVID'S SON AND DAVID'S LORD

PASSAGE MAKES US ASK SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

□1. WHO AM I BEFORE GOD??□ A Prince - dignity of God's image

SON OF SAUL - SON OF ROYALTY - SON OF PROMISE

GOD DON'T MAKE NO JUNK

Š□2. WHAT HAPPENED TO ME??□ Lost - HONEST APPRAISAL

WHY DOES GOD SEEM SO FAR AWAY??

SENSE OF GUILT - SHAME

"lame" powerless in ourselves to do good

EASY TO HIDE OUR VOICES IN THE CHOIR -
WILL HAVE TO SING SOLO BEFORE GOD

MAN OF SHAME - Real name "Merib-baal" 1 Chronicles 8.34

AT THAT TIME "Baal" INNOCENT WORD meant "Lord"

- LATER (time of Jezebel) BECAME TITLE OF PHOENICIAN SUN-GOD

Later Jewish historians "shame on you Merib-baal" FOR SUCH A NAME

LESSON FOR THE GENERATION OF THOSE WHO READ SAMUEL

NEW ENDING - "bosheth" means "SHAME"

EMPHASIS vs. 3,13 "he is crippled in both feet"

IRONY - RESTORED TO KING'S BLESSING BY SHEPHERD BOY

□3. WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR ME??□ - WORTHY OF JUDGMENT

COULD CRIPPLED MEPHIBOSHETH HAVE WALKED INTO THE THRONE ROOM ON □
HIS OWN MERIT??

Sought - "for Jonathan's sake" / "kindness of God"

Psalm 2.7,8

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, You are my □
Son ; today I have become your Father. "Ask of me, and I will □
make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your □
possession.

Ephesians 3.11

God's eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our □
Lord.

Luke 19.10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

John 6.37-40

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes □
to me I will never drive away. {38} For I have come down from □
heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. □
{39} And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose □
none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last □
day. {40} For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the □
Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise □
him up at the last day."

□4. HAS GOD FOUND ME??□ Found - unexpected "surprised by joy"

WHAT A SURPRISE TO MEPHIBOSHETH

Ezekiel 18:32 I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, □
declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

2 Peter 3:9 God is patient with you, not wanting anyone to □
perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

□5. WHAT IS A SIGN THAT GOD HAS FOUND ME??□

Self-Abased - humility in the king's presence

GOD RESISTS THE PROUD - BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

have you seen yourself as utterly lost - dead dog - guilty??

□6. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF BEING FOUND??□

Comforted - "fear not"

John 15.15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know □
his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for □
everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to □
you.

Romans 8.1

there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2.13

now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought □
near through the blood of Christ.

Š□7. HOW LONG WILL GOD'S BLESSING LAST??□

THE HAILI CHOIR IS NO MORE - FADING MEMORIES

REVIVE BEFORE COCK-ROACHES EAT ALL THE MUSIC

TRUST IN YOURSELF - WHAT YOU CAN DO - SING, PLAY DANCE??

WE ARE ALL LOSING IT

TRUST IN AN UNCHANGING GOD

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and □
forever.

Exalted - "one of the king's sons"

John 10.27,28,29

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I □
give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can □
snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, □
is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's □
hand.

1 Corinthians 2:9

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what □
God has prepared for those who love him"