

**David, Mephibosheth, and
the Kindness of God**

Monday 7/25

2 Sam. 9:3, 7-9, 11

3 And the king said, Is there yet anyone at all of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Ziba said to the king, There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.

7 And David said to him, Do not be afraid, for I will surely show kindness to you for the sake of Jonathan your father; and I will restore to you all the land of your father Saul, and you will eat food at my table continually.

8 And he paid him homage and said, What is your servant that you should look upon a dead dog like me?

9 And the king called Ziba, Saul's attendant, and said to him, All that belongs to Saul and to all his house I give to your master's son.

11 Then Ziba said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do. And Mephibosheth, said David, shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons.

Eph. 2:4-7

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

6 And raised us up together with Him and seated us together with Him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 3:8

8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel – Week 10, Day 1*

Corporate Reading of “The Tree of Life” Chapter 4–Sections: *The Enjoyment And Experience Of Christ; The Issue Of Our Enjoyment Of The Lord*

Tuesday 7/26

Rom. 2:4

4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that God's kindness is leading you to repentance?

2 Cor. 6:4, 6

4 But in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

6 In pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love,

2 Sam. 9:4-6

4 Then the king said to him, Where is he? And Ziba said to the king, He is just now in the house of Machir the son of Amiel in Lo-debar.

5 And King David sent men and took him from the house of Machir the son of Amiel, from Lo-debar.

6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he said, Your servant is here.

Rom. 3:11

11 There is none who understands, there is none who seeks out God.

Ezek. 34:11, 15-16a

11 For thus says the Lord Jehovah, I Myself, even I, will search for My sheep and seek them out.

15 I Myself will shepherd My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah.

16a I will seek the lost one and bring back the one that was driven away and bind up the broken one and strengthen the sick one;

1 Pet. 2:25

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel – Week 10, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of “The Tree of Life” Chapter 5–Sections: *Christ As The Tree Of Life and The Lamb Of God; Christ As The Temple; The Items Of Christ In The Gospel Of John for Our Enjoyment (paragraphs 1-4)*

Wednesday 7/27

1 Sam. 20:14-15

14 And while I am still alive, do show me the lovingkindness of Jehovah, that I may not die;

15 And never cut off your lovingkindness from my house, not even when Jehovah has cut off David's enemies to the man from the face of the earth.

Col. 3:12

See Saturday

Luke 15:20-24

20 And he rose up and came to his own father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him affectionately.

21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring out quickly the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

23 And bring the fattened calf; slaughter it, and let us eat and be merry,

24 Because this son of mine was dead and lives again; he was lost and has been found. And they began to be merry.

Psa. 103:8-13

8 Jehovah is compassionate and gracious, Long-suffering and abundant in lovingkindness.

9 He will not always contend with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor has He recompensed us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness upon those who fear Him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

13 As compassionate as a father is toward his children, So compassionate is Jehovah toward those who fear Him.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel – Week 10, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of “The Tree of Life” Chapter 5–Sections: *The Items Of Christ In The Gospel Of John for Our Enjoyment (paragraphs 5-9)*

Thursday 7/28

2 Sam. 9:13

13 And Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem because he ate at the king's table continually. And he was crippled in both his feet.

Heb. 12:2

2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on

the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb. 2:9

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

Rom. 8:1-4

1 There is now then no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

1 Tim. 1:13-15

13 Who formerly was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insulting person; but I was shown mercy because, being ignorant, I acted in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

15 Faithful is the word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.

Neh. 8:10

10 Then he said to them, Go your way; eat the fat, and drink the sweet wine, and send portions to him for whom nothing has been prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of Jehovah is your strength.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel – Week 10, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of “The Tree of Life” Chapter 5–Sections: *The Items Of Christ In The Gospel Of John for Our Enjoyment (paragraphs 10-13)*

Friday 7/29

Titus 3:4-5

4 But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,

5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

1 Jn 4:9-10

9 In this the love of God was manifested among us,

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that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him.

10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

John 1:14, 16-17

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

Rom. 9:15-16, 18, 23

15 For to Moses He says, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

18 So then He has mercy on whom He wills, and He hardens whom He wills.

23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel – Week 10, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of “The Tree of Life” Chapter 5–Sections: *The Ultimate Consummation of Our Enjoyment Of God; The Way To Enjoy Christ*

Saturday 7/30

Eph. 2:7-8

7 That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

Eph. 4:32

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.

Col. 3:1-4, 12-15

1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in

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God.

4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

12 Put on therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, inward parts of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering;

13 Bearing one another and forgiving one another, if anyone should have a complaint against anyone; even as the Lord forgave you, so also should you forgive.

14 And over all these things put on love, which is the uniting bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.

Further Reading: *HWMR Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel – Week 10, Day 6*
Hymns, #26

Lord's Day 7/31

Phil. 2:1-11

1 If there is therefore any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of spirit, if any tenderheartedness and compassions,

2 Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing,

3 Doing nothing by way of selfish ambition nor by way of vainglory, but in lowliness of mind considering one another more excellent than yourselves;

4 Not regarding each his own virtues, but each the virtues of others also.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God a treasure to be grasped,

7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;

8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.

9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Further Reading:

Life-Study of 1 & 2 Samuel, msg. 32

Life-Study of Titus, msg. 4-5

Life-Study of Ephesians, msg. 21, 48

The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 8, 10-11

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