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A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

II Samuel 9:1-13 (MSG)

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalms 89:34, Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 8:7-13, & 9:15

CONFESSION

I am in a covenant relationship with God by Jesus Christ and His shed blood. God honours the terms of this covenant, to give me an eternal inheritance; therefore, I will not allow the enemy make me think that God doesn't care about me. By faith I receive every benefit of the covenant and enjoy them to the full as long as I live in Jesus' name.

“One day David asked, “Is there anyone left of Saul’s family? If so, I’d like to show him some kindness in honour of Jonathan.”” II Samuel 9:1 (MSG)

I Samuel 18:1-4 gives us an insight to how David and Jonathan forged their friendship – a covenant friendship; they entered into a covenant with each other because of the deep love they both shared. A biblical covenant is often an inviolable agreement between two or more parties based on shared promises and responsibilities.

The covenant agreement between David and Jonathan as seen from I Samuel 20:11-17 was based on the promise of Jonathan protecting David from Saul’s wrath, and David’s responsibility to show everlasting kindness to Jonathan’s household. So, based on this covenant agreement, long after Jonathan’s death, David sought for and found someone in Saul’s household to show kindness for Jonathan’s sake. Thus, every benefit, goodness, preferential treatment Mephibosheth enjoyed in David’s palace came to him in honour of Jonathan’s (his father) memory.

David did not renege on his part of the covenant even though Jonathan was no more; he made sure he blessed his son, thereby fulfilling the terms of the covenant. I believe that this is always the heart of God for believers – the products of the covenant He cut with His son Jesus. God’s eyes are always looking out to bless us that have been made righteous by the blood of Jesus. He is willing to go the extra mile on our behalf.

If the covenant of goodwill made by mere men (David and Jonathan) stood the test of time and was completely fulfilled by both of them, how much more binding can the covenant made by the LIVING God be? The truth remains, Jesus has paid the ultimate price for God to show us everlasting goodness and kindness in loving memory of Jesus. And this covenant made by His blood can never be broken.

So, don’t succumb to the mind games the devil tries to play – telling you God does not care; God cares, He HONORS the blood sacrifice of His Son above everything else. Roman 8:32 says: “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

God by grace has made us partakers of His eternal inheritance through His covenant in Christ, our part is to receive by faith and enjoy the benefits just like Mephibosheth did.

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