

## *A HEART FOR GOD*

### LEARNING FROM THE LIFE AND POETRY OF DAVID, part 2

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#### **Read 2 Samuel 9**

1. Read 1 Samuel 20:13–17. What promises were part of the covenant between Jonathan and David?
2. How long was the covenant to last? (1 Samuel 20:42) Who was the witness to the covenant?
3. How is the covenant that God makes with us like that of Jonathan with the house of David? (Hebrews 9:15; 10:13) How is it different? (Luke 22:20)
4. When David remembers his promise to Jonathan, what does he do? (2 Samuel 9:1–5)
5. Give an example of a time when you were sought out and flooded with loving kindness. How did you feel? How did you respond?
6. How does Mephibosheth respond when he is called to appear, lame and once an enemy, before the King? (vss. 6–8)
7. In the Middle East at the time of David, it was common for a newly crowned king to exterminate the males of the former ruler's household. Instead of death, what gifts and privileges does David bestow on Mephibosheth? (vss. 9–13)

8. How does the way David treats his enemy remind you of the way God treats us? (Romans 5:6–11)  
How does Jesus tell us to treat our enemies? (Matthew 5:43–48)
  
9. What was the motivation of David’s heart in seeking out and blessing Mephibosheth? (vs. 3) Think of the last time you showed kindness to someone outside of your inner circle of family and friends. What motivated you? How did you become aware of the need?

### **Read Psalm 113**

10. Who is commanded to praise the name of the Lord? When is his name to be praised? Where is his name to be praised? (vss. 1–3)
  
11. What do you learn about who God is and what he is doing in verses 2–9?
  
12. Read verse 9 and also Hannah’s prayer in 1 Samuel 2: 1–10. (Hannah is an example of the “barren woman” of verse 9. She prays for a child, and the Lord gives her Samuel and then six more children.) List some things Hannah believes about God. How does knowing these things about God change the way you look at the unanswered prayers in your life?
  
13. Colossians 3:12 says: *Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience.* Is there a person or group that you find it particularly difficult to be kind to? What are some specific ways you could show kindness to them?