

REPOSITION

- I. Dan. 2:48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.
 - A. "THE KING MADE DANIEL A **GREAT** MAN":
 1. **Def Great:** abundance, enlarge, increase
 - a. Message Bible: states "the king **PROMOTED** Daniel"
 2. I want you to see that Daniel was in Babalonian cpativity and still experienced promotion ... a repositioning in life
 - a. and regardless of our circumstances God can promote us
 - (1) God has repositioned us spiritually when we got Born Again:
 - (a) Eph. 2:6 "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"
 - (1) Our Promotion in Christ also has an impact in our life in this world
 - (a) Deut 28:**13** And the **LORD** shall **make** thee the **head**, and not the **tail**; and thou shalt be above **only**, and thou shalt not be **beneath**; if that thou **hearken** unto the **commandments** of the **LORD** thy **God**, which I **command** thee this **day**, to **observe** and to **do** *them*:
 - (1) whatever you are underneath, Jesus has Promoted you above it
 - (2) whatever has made you the tail in life, Jesus has made you the head
 3. Just as the King made Daniel GREAT, so has King Jesus made you great because the greater one dwells in you:
 - a. Jn 4:4 "**greater** is he that **is in you**, **than** he that is **in the world**."
 4. Remember the Word GREAT also means: abundance. Jesus said:
 - a. JN 10:10 **10** "I am **come** that they might **have life**, **and** that they might **have** *it* more **abundantly**."
 - (1) thru our repositioning in Christ, we have access to abundance

II. David was also a man whom experienced Promotion, a repositioning:

A. 1 Chron 11:3 Therefore **came** all the **elders** of **Israel** to the **king** to **Hebron**; and **David made** a **covenant** with them in **Hebron before** the **LORD**; and they **anointed David king** over **Israel**, according to the **word** of the **LORD by Samuel**.

1. David went from being a shepherd to a king

David went from living in a cave (Addulam)... to the throne

a. **David is a type of Christ** in the bible:

b. Like David, Jesus experienced Promotion / repositioning:

(1) Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

(a) As we look at King David actions, I want us to see that Jesus desires to do the same in bringing promotion / a repositioning into our life, regardless of our circumstances:

III. 2Sam. 9:1 ¶ And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2Sam. 9:2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.

2Sam. 9:3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

2Sam. 9:4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

2Sam. 9:5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

2Sam. 9:6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

2Sam. 9:7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

2Sam. 9:8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

2Sam. 9:9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

2Sam. 9:10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

2Sam. 9:11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

2Sam. 9:12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

2Sam. 9:13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

A. After David became King, **he was looking for someone to bless:**

1. vs 1" And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?
2. The same is true for Jesus, after He was promoted to King of kings & Lord of lords

a. **Jesus is looking for someone to bless** ... He desires to reposition you & I

(1) Eph 1: **3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us** with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

B. David then finds out about Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, with whom David had a covenant relationship.

1. Then Ziba, the servant of the house of Saul (vs 2) informs David, not only of the existence of Mephibosheth, but his condition in life:

a. vs 3 **“who is lame in his feet”**

(1) Mephibosheth’s walk was lame, a prophetic picture of people today:

(a) who’s walk in life has become lame due to sin, or circumstances they have encountered, or spiritual battles they have lost

2. vs 4 King David asks Ziba where Mephibosheth is living, and Ziba responds, he is living in Lo Debar:

a. **Def Lo Debar:** pastureless, barrenness, a dry place

(1) Lo Debar described the spiritual condition as well as the physical location that Mephibosheth was living in

(2) a type and shadow of where many believers are living:

(a) a dry, spiritually barren place ...

(b) no victory, no blessings & breakthroughs manifesting

C. I want you to see the impact that living in LoDebar had on Mephibosheth:

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2Sam. 9:7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father’s sake,

a. Mephibosheth lost his identity **he forgot who he was** ... his being lame in his walk & living in Lo Debar caused him to lose sight of a covenant that had been set in place with the King:

(1) This is the same impact living in Lo Debar has on many who are Born Again

(a) who's walk with God has become lame

(b) or who are living in a Spiritual Lo Debar ... spiritually dry & barren

(1) they lose sight of the fact that there is a covenant set in place with the King / King Jesus

2. When Mephibosheth fell on his face before King David, he did so out of fear:

a. and King David had to tell him: **"Fear Not"**

(1) Living in Lo Debar will cause you to live in Fear of King Jesus. instead of living in reverence

(a) and King Jesus will tell you the same thing that David told Mephibosheth: **FEAR NOT**

b. King Jesus would tell each of us that regardless how lame our spiritual walk may be:

(1) "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Heb 4:16

D. Living in Lo Debar, that dry, barren place will cause us, like it did Mephibosheth to forget that our relationship with the King is not based on our performance, but rather on Covenant:

1. David has a Covenant with Jonathan ... that did not cease when Jonathan passed away:

a. 1 Sam 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

(1) **Robe**: symbolic of covering / you will never go uncovered, naked in life: in the natural or spirit realms

(2) **Sword**: The word ... the covenant spoken ... the word of God

(3) **Bow**: symbolic of judgement / or in other words.. They were telling each other: your enemies are my enemies, you will never fight a battle alone

(4) **Girdle**: symbolic of strength / my strength is your strength

b. This is what David meant when he said in 1 Sam 9:1 “Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2. Do we understand the depth of The Blood Covenant we have thru Jesus shed Blood on Calvary’s Cross

a. It is not based upon our performance, but rather on Jesus’ performance on Calvary’s Cross

(1) Just as King Jesus was stripped according to Matt 27:28 and shed His blood for a New Covenant / New Testament: so that He may show us kindness as David did Mephiboseth ... He tells us Fear Not

3. Then David tells Mephiboseth: vs 7 “and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father”... **“I WILL RESTORE THEE”**

a. That is what King Jesus wants to do for you and I: reposition us out of a spiritual Lo Debar and restore to us:

(1) all that sin has stolen from us

(2) restore all the devil has stolen from us

(3) restore with life every where the devil has brought death

(4) restore every where the devil has brought destruction:

4. That is the power of the Blood Covenant of Jesus Christ, that why Jesus tells us:

- a. Jn 10:10 **10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

E. As a believer does your life resemble **Ziba the servant of Saul** or does your life resemble a **restored Mephiboseth**?

1. Ziba was the servant of Saul: a type and shadow of the law / works

- a. vs 10 “Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till **(work)** the land for him,”

2. **Mephiboseth** represents **GRACE**

- a. vs 10 “but Mephibosheth thy master’s son shall eat bread always at my table.”

(1) Do you know that you have a seat at the King’s table

(a) or are you still living in LoDebar

(2) Are you sitting at the table that the devil & circumstances has set for you to eat of in life

(3) Or have you been repositioned and you are sitting at the Table that King Jesus has set for you to partake you

3. Do you realize that when Mephiboseth sat at the king’s table that you could not tell the difference from him and any of the other king’s kids

a. Because the **king’s table his the lameness of Mephiboseth**

b. The lameness of Mephiboseth was hid

(1) Col 3:3 "your life is hid with Christ in God."

4. As King David told Mephiboseth, King Jesus tells you and I:

a. vs 7 “Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness”

b. “and will restore thee”

c. “thou shalt eat bread at my table continually”.

(1) Our King desires to reposition us, as David did Mephiboseth

(2) Our King, like David is looking for some body to bless