

10:30 am Worship

Morning Worship

June 7, 2020

Reflections

I was carried to the table,
Seated where I don't belong
Carried to the table,
Swept away by His love
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord
I'm carried to the table
The table of the Lord
~ "Carried to the Table," by Leeland

God truly loves His people, but there is nothing in us that makes us worthy of such love. He saves us on account of His promises to Christ and His love for Him. What a marvelous blessing! Because He loves us in Christ, we are assured that God will love us forever, never allowing anyone, even ourselves, to take us from His mighty hand. Let us be grateful that redemption, which we do not deserve, is ours truly in Christ.

~ Ligonier Ministries devotional on 2 Samuel 9

Approach to God

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 23 (responsive)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Song of Praise — Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (echo)
From the depths of the sea (echo)
From the heights of the heavens (echo)
Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak *(echo)*From the shouts of the strong *(echo)*From the lips of all people *(echo)*This song we raise Lord...

Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises, Lord most high... Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation, Lord most high, we magnify.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin — Luke 14:12-24

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay

you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹So the servant

came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet."

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — John 6:35, 40, Revelation 19:6-9 (responsive)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almiahtv reians.

⁷Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

* it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Response in Song — Wonderful, Merciful, Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper.
Spirit, we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for. Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty infinite father, faithfully loving your own. Here in our weakness you find us wanting you more and more Oh, wanting you more and more.

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.

Sermon Text — 2 Samuel 9

And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." 3 And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." ⁴ The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." ⁵Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. ⁶ And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." ⁷ And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." 8And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

⁹ Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. ¹⁰ And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. ¹² And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. ¹³ So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Sermon — Carried to the Table

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Benediction

Prelude

Carried to the Table

2 Samuel 9

1. Because I Promised (1-3)

2. You Don't Belong! (4-7)

3. Feast at my Table! (8-13)

Closing Hymn — There is a Fountain Filled with Blood



COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for the Lord's gracious hand to be on Dave Myers for healing and peace. Pray, too, for wisdom for the doctors as they treat Dave and for God to bear up the whole family during this disconcerting time.
- Pray for peace and protection for those who have been ill-spoken off, illtreated, or harmed.
- Pray for the healing of our nation, for justice to reign, for strides to be made against racism, and for the outflowing for peace and grace toward one another.
- Pray for those who are out of work, have lost jobs recently, or are now underemployed due to the fallout from the government shutdowns. Pray for God's provision for them all.
- Pray for our session and leadership as they care for the flock, lead the church, and make decisions. Pray that the Lord will give them grace, wisdom, and unity as they work together.
- Give thanks for those who are serving this week to as we begin corporate worship services.
- Pray that despite a tremendous amount of uncertainly and strain that we will continually turn to the Lord and trust in Him and His promises.
- Pray for those who are expecting: Katie Poortenga, Lauren Mendez, Colleen Forsee, and Jessica Bendy. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies. Pray that these little ones will grow to love and serve the Lord all their days.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, Karyn Lynerd's father, the Wright family, the Beeman family as they are missing Russell, the Keebaugh family as they are missing Mike, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the local ministries we support financially CareNet Pregnancy Center, the Frederick Rescue Mission, and Child Evangelism Fellowship.
 Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain, provide for, and bless these ministries during this uncertain time.
- Pray for the churches in Frederick that they will continue to bring hope through the gospel to the people in the community.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month: the Boardwalk Chapel as they share the gospel with unbelievers on the boardwalk in Wildwood, NJ. Pray particularly for Seth Jernigan as he serves there.
- Pray for Claire Hall as she prepares to go to Scotland with 20Schemes
 missions and Kristen Lalley as she prepares to go to England. Pray that
 because the virus outbreak has been affecting various aspects of their
 ministries, the Lord would give them patience in waiting.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — 1 John 4:19 — ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

Westminster Confession 29: Of the Lord's Supper 29.1. Our Lord Jesus... called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in His Church, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and, to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other, as members of His mystical body.

Monday: 2 Samuel 9. Note the same word in 7:15, 9:1, 10:2 (steadfast love, kindness, loyalty are the same word). What reason does David give for wanting to do this (v 1, 1 Sam 18:3-4, 20:15)? How did David's covenant (promise) guide his actions, despite the cost, the lack of benefit, or the time passed? How seriously do you take your promises (baptism/parenting, church membership, marriage, etc.)? Keep them because of your promise, not because of your current feelings. Rom 8:28-39.

Tuesday: How is Mephibosheth portrayed in 2 Sam 9? How is he incriminatingly described in v 3? What is his shame (v 3, 13)? How does he describe himself (v 8)? What does he "deserve" (2 Sam 19:28)? How do you view the disabled, the shame-filled, the outcasts? How does David treat him? How does Jesus treat them/us (Is 35:5f, Mic 4:6f, Mt 11:2-6)? Aren't we all (at least) spiritually lame?

Wednesday: 2 Sam 9:6-10. What does Mephibosheth deserve? expect? What does he get instead? In v 7 how do you see David's protection, his provision, and his position? How does David treat those weaker than him? How do you use your power and influence to serve? Isn't this Jesus' way too (Rom 5:8-10, Cor 1:26f, Lk 14:12-24)?

Thursday: How many times does 2 Sam 9:7-13 say Mephibosheth will (always) eat at David's table? Whom will he be treated like (v 13)? Who is David seeking to reflect (v 3, 2 Sam 7:8, 18, 21)? How does this hint at Christ's treatment of you (Jn 6:35, 40, 13:5, Rev 19:6-9)? Ponder Christ's grace to you. This is the chief motive to make you *desire* to love others (1 Jn 4:19). How will you?

Friday: Look back at what exactly David promised Jonathan (1 Sam 18:3-4, 20:15)? How did David completely over-perform that promise? "There is no such thing as bare steadfast love with God." Reflect on that using Ps 23:1, Jn 1:16, 6:35, Rom 8:32.

Saturday: Read 2 Samuel 11. Contrast David's steadfast love to the weak in ch 9 with his utter failure to show it in ch 11.