

EATING AT THE KING'S TABLE

2 SAMUEL 9:13

Introduction. David, out of regard to the memory of his best friend Jonathan, and mindful of his oath to him, not only restores to his son Mephibosheth the forfeited property of Saul, and arranges for its cultivation by Ziba and his sons, but exalts Mephibosheth to the position of a constant guest at his own table, "as one of the king's sons". And so Mephibosheth "always ate at the king's table". The circumstances may serve to remind us of the greater honor that we enjoy as Christians: we can eat at the table of the King of Kings.

1. God Provides For All Our Needs.

Not only our needs, but He makes sure all His creatures get what they need to survive--Psalm 104:27-28; 145:15-16. But the animals partake of God's blessing unconscious of the hand that feeds them. They are like your pet dog--who waits to be fed, and always knows that you will take care of her. But God's children are a bit different. As He provides, so we must recognize His care and bounty and give Him the thanks He so richly deserves--Romans 14:6. We all need to enjoy the blessings of God--1 Corinthians 10:31.

2. God Supplies Our Spiritual Needs

- A. He "always ate at the king's table". Still lame and crippled, Mephibosheth ate with the King. Once estranged from God, we have been brought close...still crippled, we too can have a close association with Christ.
- B. He enjoyed only the very best at the King's table. So we can enjoy an abundance of the very best of God's blessings. No seconds here.
- C. At the King's table dines the only the best people. So it is with the family of God. The neighborhood has only the best quality people in it.
- D. At the King's table is gladness. Psalm 16:9; 31:7; 64:10; Isa 25:9
- E. There is safety at the King's table. The King's dwelling place is the safest place in the land. Psalm 23.
- F. The privilege of eating at the King's table is perpetual. Like Mephibosheth, we can dine with the King "always". He will never excuse us from the table.

3. Our Future is Secure in Him.

- A. The future of God's people is often compared to a feast, Matt. 7:11; Rev. 2:7. It is, in fact, just a continuation of the life of blessing we enjoy now.
- B. We will not only dine with the King, but we shall see Him. Rev. 24:4; 1 John 3:2.
- C. We will be made perfect. Heb. 12:23; Phil. 3:21.

4. Conclusion.

Who is invited to eat at the King's table? All are invited. Matt. 10:32; Jn. 3:16; Acts 2:21.

But though many are invited, not everyone will respond. I hope you have.

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