

A CROWN FOR A CRIPPLE

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In this story we reach the high point of David's life. Here was at his greatest hour. Tragedy and decline would soon come, but at this point David had captured the whole land which God purposed that His people should inhabit and possess; he had driven out all his enemies and was the undisputed king over the whole nation. Things had been completely altered, Saul and his sons had been slain in battle and now David was on the throne of Israel. Now a most admirable spirit is displayed by David—instead of using his royal power tyrannically or maliciously, he put it to the most noble use – to return good for evil, to extend mercy to the descendant of his foe, to befriend one who might well have feared death at his hands. It's a picture of God's grace!

To see the real purpose of this story, we need to look at the last verse: Vs 13 “*And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet.*” A crown for a cripple!

I. HE WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE KING'S CONCERN

1. A Personal Concern
 2. A Previous Covenant
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II. HE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE KING'S CARE

1. Because of A Fall
 2. He Was A Fugitive
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III. HE SUBMITTED TO THE KING'S CALL

1. Approached In Humility
 2. Admitted His Condition
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IV. HE SHARED IN THE KING'S COMPANY

1. He Accepted The King's Offer
2. He Was Adopted Into The King's Family

God invites us to be a part of His family.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.
(Rev. 3:20)

Application

God's grace is His miraculous love that is unexplainable, but is available to the one who will submit to His invitation.