

“Welcome at the King’s Table”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 23 – 2 Samuel 9:1-13
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I. Mephibosheth’s Unworthiness before David

- A. As a member of a previous dynasty (Saul’s), he was effectively under a death sentence.
- B. As one who was crippled, he was ceremonially unclean.

Leviticus 21:18–20 - ¹⁸ ‘For no one who has a defect shall approach: a blind man, or a lame man, or he who has a disfigured face, or any deformed limb, ¹⁹ or a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, ²⁰ or a hunchback or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or crushed testicles.

- C. As one who could offer no practical service, he was worthless.
- D. Yet he was welcomed to the king’s table all the same.

II. Our Unworthiness before the Lord

- A. Sin’s guilt has left us under a death sentence (Rom. 3:23).
- B. Sin’s power has left us truly unclean, morally corrupted.
- C. We have nothing we could ever offer the Lord, leaving us worthless.
- D. Yet we have been welcomed to come by faith to the King’s Table.

III. Our Worthiness through Jesus

- A. Christ’s death and resurrection has dealt with our guilt and corruption.
- B. His Spirit within us ensures we will bear pleasing fruit for Him.
- C. We are freed to stop worrying about our unworthiness and seek to welcome those who others deem unwelcome-able