

The Kind of Love God is Looking For

Finally we observe that his love for his king included ...

III: _____: v28-30

Joy is found when we...

A. _____ on what we _____ rather than focus on what we _____ have: v28

When Mephibosheth said “*What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?*”... he isn’t willing to argue for the land he had lost but rather, his greater focus was on what he had in David’s treatment of him and in his relationship with David.

His joy came from ...

B. the _____ of the king? V30

Mephibosheth learned to garner joy from the presence of the king from David

Ps. 16:11 ... ***Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.***

The kind of love the King is looking for is a love that wants nothing more than to be in the King’s presence. It is a love that says—*you can have this old world, but give me Jesus.*

The king isn’t looking for lip service such as Ziba provided because lip service is a form of deceit. And the king isn’t looking for obedience alone. The king is looking for love from a grateful heart and he is looking for love demonstrated in faithfulness, trust, and joy.

What does your heart reflect today?



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2 Samuel 19:24-30

As we get back to the basics, our topic this morning pertains to love. Not only God’s love for us, but the kind of love that God seeks from us.

This morning, as we look at King David and his relationship with Mephibosheth we find an Old Testament picture of Christ, the King of kings and the Christian. And as Mephibosheth’s story develops through 2 Samuel, let’s discover the kind of love the king is worthy of and 3 things that help us understand the kind of love the king is looking for.

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The first observation is that Mephibosheth loved David with...

I: An _____: v24

Context:

A. Mephibosheth had been _____ for the King
Our King, the Lord Jesus, is also returning one day. He is coming, and we are to be looking for that time when He will return.

B. Mephibosheth had been _____ for The King
Mephibosheth exhibited all the classic signs of being in mourning for David and his heart's desire was to see the King once again.

C. Mephibosheth _____ upon The King
Mephibosheth got to see the king when he returned. In other words, he was actually able to look upon the king and he did so with reverence and with love.

Have you been faithful to watch for your King? Have you longed for Him knowing that someday soon you will look upon Him?

The kind of love that God's looking for is a faithful love. God didn't walk away from you because of your sin, but rather, in spite of your sin He sent His Son Jesus to die for your sin on the cross ... and that is a truly faithful love.

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The second observation is that Mephibosheth's love was demonstrated in His ...

II: _____: v26-27

A. trust relies on a right _____
It's very hard to trust someone that you have a bad or sour relationship with. We know, based upon the Scriptures and the titles that Mephibosheth used for David that they had a good relationship and we see that Mephibosheth loved David because David first loved him.

2 Samuel 9

B. trust rests in _____: v27
We don't know the details, but apparently Mephibosheth knew that Ziba had slandered and betrayed him and he knew that David had given Ziba his land. But Mephibosheth tells David the truth about what happened and then he says to David ... *do therefore what is good in thine eyes*. In other words, He trusted that David, because of their relationship, would realize that he was telling the truth

So many Christians are willing to trust Christ with their soul, but when it comes to trusting Him with their life or lifestyle, or maybe their location, or their livelihood, or perhaps a Biblical lesson—they aren't willing to say to the Lord ... *do what is good in thine eyes*

The kind of love that the King is looking for is a love that trusts—because without trust we don't have much of a relationship with the Lord.
