

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

2 Samuel 9

Matthew 6:3-6 NKJV - "3 "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. 5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

1 Samuel 2:3 NKJV - For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.

Main Idea:

The Lord Raises the Poor To Make Them Sit With Princes.

1.) Mephibosheth in his Spiritual Poverty

- A.) Mephibosheth is in Exile
- B.) Mephibosheth is in Enemy of David
- C.) Mephibosheth Acknowledges His Own Spiritual Poverty

2 Samuel 9:8 NKJV - "...What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

1 Samuel 24:14 NKJV - "14 "After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea?"

- D.) Mephibosheth's Poverty Has a Physical Presentation

John 9:2-3 NKJV - "2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus

answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."

2.) Mephibosheth is Brought Near

Read verse 11.

A.) Mephibosheth is Raised From the Ash Heap, But There is a Son Who Will Be Brought Low.

1 Samuel 9:2 NKJV - "...There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people."

2 Samuel 14:25 NKJV - "25 Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him."

B.) The Great Reversal, the Low Will Be Exalted and The Exalted Will Be Made Low.

C.) The Grounds of this Great Reversal is not the Lameness of Mephibosheth's Feet, but the Faithfulness of Jonathan.

Read verse 1.

1 Samuel 20:30 NKJV - "30 Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

D.) The Great Reversal Begins, Not With the Lowly Being Exalted, but the Most Exalted Being Made Low.

Philippians 2:7-8 NKJV - "7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

3.) Two Great Reversal Illustrations From the Gospel of Matthew

A.) Matthew 8:5-12

Matthew 8:5-12 NKJV - "5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

B.) Matthew 15:21-28

Matthew 15:21-28 NKJV - "21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."