Nobody has benefitted more from God's grace than King David and you. Your Name_____.

1 Samuel 30:23-25 (NIV) - David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the Lord has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us. Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike." David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.

This is David's last act of grace before he becomes king.

David bestows blessing instead of blame.

Grace is a gift, not an achievement.

No other religion offers free forgiveness and a new life for those who have done nothing to deserve it.

2 Samuel 9:5-7 (NIV) - So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

Mephibosheth was not suited for the palace.

- **Born heir to the throne.**
- **Disabled from a fall.**
- **Spent formative years hurt and hiding.**
- **Hid in a barren land, experiencing a barren life.**

God specializes in offering grace in a barren place.

Your eternal life is covenant-caused and covenant-secured.

Your invitation to the table has nothing to do with you, and everything to do with God.

NOTES

Public Reading: Psalm 8:1-9 (NIV)

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