



SHOWING THE KINDNESS OF THE LORD

1 SAMUEL 20; 2 SAMUEL 9

JONATHAN & DAVID

SOULS KNIT TOGETHER

David Flees from Saul and Requests Kindness from Jonathan – 2 Samuel 20:5-8

- “*kindly*” “*lovingkindness*” (LSB) – *hesed* – “(1) joint obligation between relatives, friends, host and guest, master and servant; closeness, solidarity, loyalty...(1a)...faithfulness; to show loyalty” (HALOT)
 - LXX – *eleos* – “kindness or concern expressed for someone in need, mercy, compassion, pity, clemency” (BDAG)
- **Love, compassion, mercy, kindness that is faithful and loyal.**

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The Friendship of Jonathan and David

- Jonathan's soul knit to David's after witnessing victory, and hearing humble interaction with Saul – *1 Samuel 17:55-18:4*
- Affected Jonathan this way due to their mutual faith in, and love for God – *cf. 1 Samuel 14:6, 46*
- “*like precious faith*” (*2 Peter 1:1*) leads to a covenant of love, kindness, and loyalty – *John 17:20-23; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:11; 5:1-2*



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Jonathan to David

- The request and following plan – *1 Samuel 20:8-11, 18-23*
- Jonathan comes to know his father's true intentions, and keeps covenant with David – *1 Samuel 20:30-33; 23:16-18*

David to Jonathan

- Jonathan's request for David to show him the kindness of the Lord – *1 Samuel 20:14-17*

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The Kindness of the Lord

- “*show me the kindness of the Lord*” (1 Samuel 20:14).
- We learn this kindness from the Lord – *Exodus 34:6-7; Ezra 3:11; Psalm 136*
- Jonathan’s request shows faith that God is with David, and appeals to David to be a channel of God’s kindness to him when David is blessed – *1 Samuel 20:14; 23:17*
- We receive God’s kindness to show it to each other – *Ephesians 4:15-16, 25, 32; 5:1-2; 1 John 3:16-17*



DAVID & MEPHIBOSHETH SHOWING THE KINDNESS OF THE LORD

David Seeks to Keep His Covenant with Jonathan

(2 Samuel 9)

- (vv. 1-5) – does one from Saul's house remain?
- (vv. 6-8) – Mephibosheth, only remaining son of Jonathan, humbly presents himself before David.
- (vv. 7, 9-10, 13) – David shows the kindness of the Lord. (cf. v. 3; *2 Samuel 4:4*)



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- David didn't know Mephibosheth, but it didn't matter. The kindness of the Lord surpasses time and circumstance. It is loyal, and faithful.
- This is the love and kindness we are to show – *Micah 6:8*



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