

Unfailing Kindness

2 Samuel 8-10

He gives his king great victories, he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed. Psalm 18:50

God’s Kindness to David and Israel

8:1-18

God gives David victory over Israel’s enemies on the west, east, north, and south sides of Israel. Victory results in peace, rest, and prosperity for Israel.

David, the man after God’s heart, knows God is the One giving the victory. David recognizes God by dedicating the captured gold and silver for the future temple of the Lord.

David, God’s chosen king, reigns over Israel with kindness and righteousness. David’s reign is a foreshadowing of Christ’s righteous rule when He returns again.

Look for and remember the _____ God gives you. Thank Him for His kindness.

David’s Kindness to Mephibosheth

9:1-13

David finds lame Mephibosheth so he can show him loyal, unfailing kindness for Jonathan’s sake. God seeks to show His unfailing kindness and grace to us for Jesus’ sake.

David kindly gives him an inheritance and a place at the king’s table which only the king can give. Jesus, only Jesus, saves us, and we become daughters of the King with an eternal inheritance.

Mephibosheth responds in humility as he experiences provision, protection and honor at David’s table. As needy sinners, contemplating God’s kindness can lead us to respond with humility and gratitude.

With a grateful heart, _____ the unfailing kindness of God with others for Jesus’ sake.

David’s Kindness Refused

10:1-19

Hanun, Ammon’s king, listens to unwise counsel and refuses David’s kind and peaceful condolences. Hanun unwisely humiliates David’s messengers which humiliates David and God’s people Israel.

After dishonoring David, Hanun prepares to battle Israel and hires mercenaries to help with the fight. Joab wisely plans Israel’s defense, encourages the troops, but ultimately depends on God alone.

After Israel defeats the Ammonites, the Syrians make one more vengeful attempt to defeat Israel. God once again gives David the crushing victory.

Do not _____ or refuse the kindness of God.

Do not let the negative responses of others _____ you from showing the kindness of God.

Key: victories, share, overlook, deter

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1 JOHN 2:20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

GENESIS 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...”

PSALM 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

PSALM 60:11-12 Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

1 SAMUEL 20:14-15 “If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die; and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.”

JOHN 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

ROMANS 5:6-8 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

LUKE 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

EPHESIANS 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.