2 Samuel - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Kindness: 2

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2SA 9:3

Is there not yet any . . . that I may show the kindness of God unto him?

2 Sam. 9:3

This was a genuine desire of a heart of love. David, now the king of Israel, wanted to show the kindness of God to the family of the man who had given him the most trouble. (Saul had even tried to kill David.) That's God's heart. It was said of David that he was a man after God's own heart. God and David had common thoughts, desires, and actions. Kindness is a Christian quality that should be evident at all times. Even our words should be kind words. Let's be kind - for Jesus' sake.

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship: 2SA 9:6

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When Mephibosheth . . . was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence.

2 Sam. 9:6

Mephibosheth was the lame son of Jonathan. When he came into the King of Israel's presence, he was reverential. Why? Because the King had showed him great kindness when he didn't deserve it. How about us? The King of Kings has showed us immense kindness. He died so that we wouldn't have to. This ought to make us fall on our face (at least in our hearts) and show reverence. Let's do it as we meet around the Savior today to worship.

CareLines: Volume 3, Mercy

2SA 24:14

Let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for His mercies are great.

2 Sam. 24:14

David had learned a great lesson about the heart of God. His mercies are great. Given the choice of trusting man to show mercy or trusting the Lord, David chose the latter. When we stop and consider how sinful we really were and that God saved us and brought us to Himself, we too can say with David, "His mercies are great." God showed great mercy and paid a great price to save me, a great sinner.

CareLines: Volume 2, Suicide

2SA 17:23

And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he . . . hanged himself, and died.

2 Sam. 17:23

For Ahithophel, to have his counsel rejected was more than he could bear - so he committed suicide. This is a terrible thing and one which a believer in Jesus should NEVER consider. For every discouragement you feel, Jesus has felt the same. There is nothing in your life that the Lord isn't familiar with and that He can't comfort you in. Instead of taking your life, submit your life to Christ and let Him work out the details. He knows what to do. He knows the end from the beginning and knows how to work out your particular problem. Cast yourself totally on the Lord. He'll help you through this great trouble in your life. Call me, Paul Pascoe, at 618-948-2434 (collect) if you have thoughts of suicide. Let's talk and pray together.

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship: 2SA 14:4

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And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance.

2 Sam. 14:4

Obeisance has a similar thought as reverence. In the presence of the king of Israel this widow showed reverence. When we come into the presence of the King of kings our attitude should be the same. We shouldn't be afraid - just full of awe at being in the presence of the Son of God. He made us, He died for us, He prepared a home in heaven for us. Now we can come and worship Him for His greatness and love.

CareLines: Volume 7, Love

1KI 3:3

The Lord loved [Solomon].

2 Samuel 12:24

Solomon loved the Lord.

1 Kings 3:3

John said, "We love . . . because He first loved us." If God had not loved us, He would not have sent His Son. If the Lord Jesus had not loved us, He would never have left heaven to come here and die. So God in His love has drawn us to Jesus, and now we respond to Him with love.

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