

Title: Where are you living?

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Isaiah 30:18 ¹⁸and therefore the Lord [earnestly] wait [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you *and* show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect *and* look *and* long for Him [for His victory, His favour, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!

Paralysed by fear

2 Samuel 4 ⁴(Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.)

Waiting to show kindness

2 Samuel 4:2-3 ² now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied.³ the king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?"

Unexpected kindness

2 Samuel 4:3-5 ^{Ziba} answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet."⁴ "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar."⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel.⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David; he bowed down to pay him honour. David said, "Mephibosheth! At your service," he replied.⁷ "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.

Too good to be true?

2 Samuel 4:8-10 ⁸Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" ⁹ Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

Whose table are you eating at?

2 Samuel 4; 11-12 ¹¹Then Ziba said to the king, “Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.” So Mephibosheth ate at David’s table like one of the king’s sons.¹²

What is on our CV?

Jeremiah 9 ²³Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; ²⁴But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I *am* the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord

Where have you fallen?

We are lame from our falls.

We have fallen into trouble.

We have fallen into confusion.

We have fallen out of the will of God.

We have fallen into sin.

We have fallen into yokes and burdens.

We have fallen our own ways instead of God’s way.

We have fallen into curses.

We have fallen into selfishness.

We have fallen into pride.

He longs, looks and expects to give us:

Grace

Mercy

Loving-kindness

Justice.

Are we longing for, looking for and expecting Him?