

# 2 Samuel 9:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Kindness to Mephibosheth, emphasizing covenant faithfulness, grace. David's kindness to Mephibosheth illustrates chesed (תּוֹדָה, covenant faithfulness/loyal love). This grace shown to Jonathan's crippled son demonstrates covenant loyalty transcending political expedience. The narrative foreshadows God's grace toward spiritually crippled humanity. Cross-references to David and Jonathan's covenant (1 Samuel 18:3, 20:14-17) and New Testament grace themes enrich understanding.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 9 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding covenant faithfulness, grace provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and

expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of covenant faithfulness, grace?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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אָמַר הָיָה לֵאמֹר	said	H559	וְאַתָּה דָּוִיד אֶל	And David	H1732	תִּירְאֶה אֵל	unto him	H408	תִּירְאֶה אֵל	Fear	H3372	כִּי אַתָּה הָאָמֵר	not for I will surely	H3588	אָמַר הָיָה	not for I will surely	H6213
אָמַר הָיָה לֵאמֹר	not for I will surely	H6213	עַמְּךָ	H5973	עַמְּךָ	thee	H2617	סְדָה	H3605	kindness	H2617	בְּעִבּוֹר	for Jonathan	H3083	אָבִיךָ	thy father	H1
אָמַר הָיָה לֵאמֹר	sake and will restore	H7725	לְבָבְךָ	H0	לְבָבְךָ	at	H853	כָּל	H3605	thee	H7704	שְׂדֵה	all the land	H7704	שָׁא וְלֵא	of Saul	H7586
אָמַר הָיָה לֵאמֹר	and thou shalt eat	H398	שְׁלַחֲנָה	H3899	bread	H5921	עַל	H5921	לְחֵם	H3899	at my table	H7979	פָּמִיד	H8548	וְאַתָּה הָאֵלֶּה	continually	H1

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Samuel 9:1** (References David): And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

**1 Kings 2:7** (Parallel theme): But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

**2 Samuel 9:3** (Parallel theme): And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

**2 Samuel 19:28** (Parallel theme): For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

**Psalms 41:9** (Parallel theme): Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

**Luke 22:30** (Parallel theme): That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

**2 Kings 25:29** (Parallel theme): And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

**Revelation 3:20** (Parallel theme): Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

**Genesis 43:23** (Parallel theme): And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

**1 Samuel 12:24** (Parallel theme): Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.