

# 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* (חֶסֶד, 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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אָעַשׂ הַ	כִּי	תִיבֶּ אֶ	אֶל	דָּוִד	לֹא וַיֹּאמֶר
not for I will surely	H3588	unto him Fear	H408	And David	said
H6213		H3372		H1732	H559
אָבִי יִבְ	יְהוֹנָתָן	בְּעָבוֹר	חֵסֶד	עִמָּךְ	אָעַשׂ הַ
thy father	for Jonathan	H5668	thee kindness	H5973	not for I will surely
H1	H3083		H2617		H6213
אָבִי יִבְ	שָׂא וּלְ	שָׂדֵה	כָּל	אֶת לְךָ	וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי
thy father	of Saul	thee all the land	H3605	H853	sake and will restore
H1	H7586	H7704		H0	H7725
תָּמִיד:	שֻׁלְחָנִי	עַל	לֶחֶם	תֵּאכַל	וְאַתָּה הַ
continually	at my table	H5921	bread	and thou shalt eat	H859
H8548	H7979		H3899	H398	

## 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.