

## 2 Samuel 8 & 9 - Kindness and Severity

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### David's Severity

2Sa 8:1 NIV In the course of time, David **defeated** the Philistines and **subdued** them, and he **took** Metheg Ammah **from the control of the Philistines**. 2 David also **defeated** the Moabites. He made them lie down on the ground and measured them off with a length of cord. Every two lengths of them were **put to death**, and the third length was allowed to live. So the **Moabites became subject** to David and **brought him tribute**. 3 Moreover, David **defeated** Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah, when he went to restore his monument at the Euphrates River. 4 David **captured** a thousand of his chariots, seven thousand charioteers and twenty thousand foot soldiers. He **hamstrung** all but a hundred of the chariot horses. 5 When the **Arameans** of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David **struck down twenty-two thousand of them**. 6 He put **garrisons** in the Aramean kingdom of Damascus, and the Arameans became **subject** to him and **brought tribute**.

**The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.**

**The Philistines** - He defeated them, He subdued them, he took their capital city (Gath - 1 Ch 18:1)

**The Moabites** - He defeated them, **He put 2/3 of them to death**, They became subject to him, They brought him tribute

**Hadadezer** - He defeated him, He captured 1000 chariots and 27,000 men, **He hamstrung all but 100 horses**

**Arameans** - **He killed 22,000**, They became subject to him, They brought tribute --

**The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.**

### David dedicated these articles to the LORD

7 David took the **gold** shields that belonged to the officers of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 From Tebah and Berothai, towns that belonged to Hadadezer, King David took **a great quantity of bronze**. 9 When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the entire army of Hadadezer, 10 he sent his son Joram to King David to greet him and congratulate him on his victory in battle over Hadadezer, who had been at war with Tou. Joram brought with him **articles of silver, of gold and of bronze**. 11 **King David dedicated these articles to the LORD, as he had done with the silver and gold from all the nations he had subdued:**

**David gave more than \$4.6 BILLION in today's dollars (Mar/2017) (see 1Ch 29:3-5 )**

### Other nations he subdued

12 Edom and Moab, the Ammonites and the Philistines, and Amalek. He also dedicated the plunder taken from Hadadezer son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13 And David became famous after he returned from **striking down eighteen thousand Edomites** in the Valley of Salt. 14 He put **garrisons** throughout Edom, and all the **Edomites became subject to David**. **The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.**

**Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines and Amalek** - He subdued them, He killed 18,000 Edomites, They became subject to him

**And once again it says The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.**

## David reigned and did what was just and right for all his people

15 David reigned over all Israel, **doing what was just and right for all his people**. 16 Joab son of Zeruiah was over the army; Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder; 17 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelek son of Abiathar were priests; Seraiah was secretary; 18 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and Pelethites; and David's sons were priests.

## David's Kindness -- Is this the same guy? - David's kindness can be a model

### **Be intentional about acts of kindness - seek them out**

- 2Sa 9:1-13 NIV David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul **to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?**"

### **Kick it up a notch and show them "God's kindness"**

- 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?**" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet."

### **Acts of kindness are not a one time activity**

- 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 honor. 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.**"

### **Kindness overlooks things that might otherwise turn us back**

- 8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice **a dead dog like me?**"

### **Kindness is a heartfelt action - like you might treat your family member**

- 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.) 11 Then 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 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

## We see the both the **severity** and the **kindness** of David

## What about our concept of God?

Rom 11:21-22 NIV For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either. 22 **Consider** therefore **the kindness and sternness of God**: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

### **These characteristics are often found in scripture right beside each other**

Exo 34:6-7 KJV And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, **merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin**, and that ***will by no means clear the guilty***; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

2Th 1:6-10 NIV **God is just**: He will **pay back** trouble to those who trouble you 7 and **give relief** to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 **He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10** on the day he comes to be **glorified in his holy people** and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

- **In one sense, grace only has meaning in the face of justice**

Rom 5:20 NIV The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But **where sin increased, grace increased all the more**,

- Where sin increased - justice and judgment also increased...(the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah)
  - Gen 6:5-7 NIV The **LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become** on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the LORD said, "**I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race** I have created--and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground--for I regret that I have made them."
- **Grace only makes sense in the face of Justice & Judgement**

### **Knowing the goodness and severity of God moves us to evangelism**

2Co 5:10-11 KJV For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;**

### **Knowing the goodness and severity of God moves us toward holiness**

2Pe 3:3-11 NIV Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, **being kept for the day of**

**judgment and destruction of the ungodly.** 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.** 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, **what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives**