

RETURN OF THE KING

Part 6

Gathered onto my table
2 Samuel 19 - 20 (NKJV)

Past Lesson

- Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, one who followed David for personal gain.
- Shimei, the one who cursed David continuously as he was fleeing from Absalom. One who acted as though he was repenting his action but only out of fear of David.
- Mephibosheth, the son of Saul who was truly loyal even though David thought otherwise.
- Barzillai, a very aged rich man, eighty years old who had provided the king with supplies while he stayed at Mahanaim.

Today's lesson is a result of our

- Study of the church on Wed night.
- Studying Jude on Sunday.

Using David as a picture of Christ desiring believers to gather to remember him, we will attempt to see that some gathered at his table out of true love and loyalty to their king. Others were not called because they were not found worthy or refused the invitation.

Matthew 18:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Luke 22:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

His desire is that we gather to remember what he has done for us.

Gathered to David's table

- **2 Samuel 9:7-8 (NKJV) David calls Mephibosheth**
David said to Mephibosheth, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, you shall eat bread at my table continually."
Mephibosheth's reply was "What *is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"
- **2 Samuel 19:33-40 (NKJV) David calls Barzillai**
And the king said to Barzillai, "Come across with me, and I will provide for you while you are with me in Jerusalem." But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? I *am* today eighty years old.Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?
2 Samuel 19:39 and he returned to his own place.
- **2 Samuel 19:37-40 (NKJV) David receives Chimham**
"Here is your servant Chimham; let him cross over with my lord the king."
The king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me." The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him.

Chimham

- **CHIMHAM Chim'ham** (*longing*), a follower and probably a son, of Barzillai the Gileadite, who returned from beyond Jordan with David. [2 Sam 19:37, 38, 40](#) (B C 1023.) David appears to have bestowed on him a possession at Bethlehem, on which, in later times, an inn was standing. [Jere 41:17](#) Smith's Bible Dictionary
- Over 400 years later, Chimham is still remembered. [Jeremiah 41:17](#)—*And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,* Part of David's birthplace near Bethlehem was given to Chimham. Treasures From the Scriptures
- **1 Kings 2:7-8 (NKJV) David's instruction to Solomon**
⁷ But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

Shimei and Ziba

- **Jude 1: (NKJV)**

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries
- Speak evil of whatever they do not know; (Shimei)
- Run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit
- Grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage. (Ziba)
- Were these invited to David's table?
- Were they worthy to be at his table?

- **1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NKJV)**

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

- Shimei and Ziba were not found worthy to be at David's table and were not asked. Barzillai, though thought worthy, failed to see the value of being at David's table but instead sent Chimham whom David received.
- The Shimei's and Ziba's of this world creep in and are received by many groups. In Jude we are exhorted to contend earnestly for the faith.

- **1 Corinthians 10:16-22 (NASB)**

¹⁶ Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

¹⁷ Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

¹⁸ Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

¹⁹ What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

²⁰ *No*, but *I say* that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

²² Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?

- Is there room at the Lord's table for those who are not worthy to be there?

- **Malachi 1:10-13 (NIV)**

¹⁰ "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands.

¹¹ My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name, because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty.

¹² "But you profane it by saying of the Lord's table, 'It is defiled,' and of its food, 'It is contemptible.'

¹³ And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says the LORD Almighty. "When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the LORD.

- What spiritual sacrifice or offering could Shimei or Ziba bring?
- Can an unbeliever offer anything acceptable to God in the midst of the assembly of the saved or be “seated at His table” ?
- Is The Lord honored when an unbeliever partakes at His table?