

LOVING THE ONES IN LO-DEBAR

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2 Samuel 9

1. Mephibosheth

“Mephiboseth had good cause to be afraid of David. There is wide precedent in Mesopotamian texts for the elimination of all rival claimants to the throne when a king comes to power. ...for example Ashurbanipal mutilated, executed and fed

**the bodies of his
grandfather's rivals to dogs
as part of his first official
acts as King of Assyria."**

**~ The Bible Background
Commentary O.T.**

**“He lived in obscurity,
probably among his mother's
relations in Lo-debar in
Gilead, on the other side of
the Jordan, where he was
forgotten, as a dead man out
of mind.”**

**~ Matthew Henry's Commentary
on the Whole Bible**

1. Mephibosheth

2. David

3. God

“The classic text for understanding the significance of this word is Psalm 136 where it is used twenty-six times to proclaim that God's kindness and love are eternal. The psalmist made it clear that God's kindness and faithfulness

**serves as the foundation for
His actions and His
character. ...the entire span
of creation to God's
redemption, preservation,
and permanent
establishment is touched
upon in this Psalm. It all
happened, is happening,**

**and will continue to happen
because of the Lord's
covenant faithfulness and
kindness."**

**~ The Complete Word Study
Dictionary: Old Testament**

“God builds churches by joining people together in love and trust and personal loyalty, as well as individual devotion to Jesus. Paul testified, ‘they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us.’”

~ Terry Virgo
The Spirit-Filled Church

