

own heart. As we read his whole life we see many things that are weak and sinful, and many falls through sudden temptation, but such an incident as this reveals his goodness of heart. It does so first because the enquiry made is not for the son or his friend, but for the house of one who had sorely persecuted him. There is true magnanimity there. It is overcoming evil with good. Then, it reveals a good heart, because there seems amongst men who have reached high places a disposition to forget their old connections and former associates. Such a disposition reveals meanness of mind, but is all too common. Its opposite reveals true goodness of heart.

5. *The humility of Mephibosheth (v. 8) would make David sure that his benevolence would not be abused.* The lame lad could not understand why David had summoned him, or could not see that he had any claim on David's consideration. He puts himself down to the lowest and David brings him into his own household and makes him rich. In that Mephibosheth becomes a type of the sinner who obtains the favor of God. We must abase

ourselves and realize that we have no claim upon God, and then he will make his strength perfect in our weakness, and out of our poverty of spirit will make us rich with all the fulness and the unsearchable riches of Christ.

ADDED POINTS.

1. David was earnest enough to elevate a possible rival.
2. Outward misfortunes have some compensation in attracting sympathy.
3. One use of trouble seems to be the annihilation of selfishness in those who see it. It draws out our hearts.
4. We should be glad to show kindness to children for the parent's sake.
5. This good deed wrought for another's sake is some type of our salvation for Christ's sake.
6. God, for the sake of Christ, restores to us our patrimony.
7. Bread cast on the waters shall be found after many days.
8. He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

THE BLACKBOARD.

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THE TRUE FRIEND.

DAVID

JESUS

THINKS OF AND SEEKS OUT

THE DESCENDENTS OF SAUL.

THE POOR, DEPRESSED, HELPLESS.

SENDS FOR

THEM.

THOSE IN POVERTY. DISTRESS.

WELCOMES

TO HIS PALACE. TABLE.

TO HIS PRESENCE. COMPANIONSHIP.

THIS FRIEND DESERVES OUR LOVE, OUR GRATITUDE, OUR SERVICE.

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David's Victories. 2 SAM. 10: 8-19.

(Commit to memory verses 11, 12).

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" Ps. 27: 1.

PROVE THAT—God's service requires courage. Deut. 31: 6.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 72. *What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?* A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words and actions.

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