If there were ever a chapter in the Old Testament that foreshadows the relationship of God’s people to their God it is the ninth chapter of II Samuel. It is the account of King David and Mephibosheth. King David is a type of Christ; Mephibosheth is us.

Like Mephibosheth all of humanity is "lame." We are crippled. Our feet do not work right. They take us in the wrong direction most of the time. They are one of the "six things the LORD hates." They are one of the "seven" abominations to Him according to Proverbs 6:16 – "feet that are swift in running to evil." Even after we become a Christian there are times that we are spiritually "lame." We all need a healing and the day is coming when we shall receive our new feet along with the rest of our new body. But until then, we will continue to stumble our way through this life trying to please the Lord. But this is a meditation about the Lord’s Table so let me be quick to turn our attention to King David who is a type of Christ. There are three things in this chapter that are pertinent to the table at this time.

First, King David was obsessed with showing kindness to someone. Three times in this short passage David speaks of his desire to show "kindness" to someone in the "house of Saul." Just as much as Saul was the enemy of David Satan is the enemy of Christ and we all at one time dwelt in the house of Satan. Yet King Jesus came to this earth to show kindness to those of the household of Satan. Acts 10:38 says that "Jesus of Nazareth... went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil." Though we are lame we have been healed. We have been healed of our sin sickness.

Second, King David was interested in restoring "all the land of Saul" to Mephibosheth. Jesus too is in the business of restoration. By His blood we have been restored – reconciled – to God. Once we were estranged from God our Creator because of our sins but now "through the cross" we have been reconciled – restored in our relationship.

Third, King David prepared a table from which Mephibosheth was to eat "continually." Our King, Jesus of Nazareth, has prepared a table for us. On it sits His body and His blood. They remind us each Lord’s Day of His wonderful grace. Just as Mephibosheth had no inherent right to sit at King David’s table we have no inherent right to sit at our Lord’s Table. We, like Mephibosheth, come only because of the invitation of the King. And for as long as we are Christians we are invited to sit at the King’s Table.

Fourth, Mephibosheth was not a servant when he sat at the King’s Table but was "like one of the king’s sons." It is one thing to be an invited guest at a king’s table; it is quite another to sit at the table as the king’s son. When we obeyed the gospel of Christ we were adopted by God Almighty to be His child, either a son or a daughter. And now we have the right to call him our Father.

When the supper bell is rung, all who are God’s children have the unbelievable privilege of sitting at the King’s table. We come hobbling, dragging our lame feet but we come. We come not because we have to
but because we want to. We need this supper. We are reminded of our need for Christ.

Mephibosheth never got tired of eating at King David’s table. It was David’s desire that he “eat bread at my table continually.” And that is what he did. May this be true of each one of us until our King comes back to take us to the “marriage supper of the Lamb” where we shall dine forever at the King’s table.