

The image is a composite of two contrasting scenes. The left side shows a vast, cracked, and parched landscape under a cloudy sky, with a single tree in the distance. The right side shows a warm, candlelit dinner table with various dishes, including a bowl of fruit and a stack of plates. A central black box contains white text.

**OUT OF LO-DEBAR  
TO THE KING'S TABLE**



# 2 Samuel 9

# 1 Samuel 18:6-9

*"Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. 7 So the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." 8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 So Saul eyed David from that day forward."*

# 1 Samuel 19:1

*"Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David."*

# 2 Samuel 9:1-13

*"Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!" 3 Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." 4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar..."*

# 2 Samuel 9:1-13

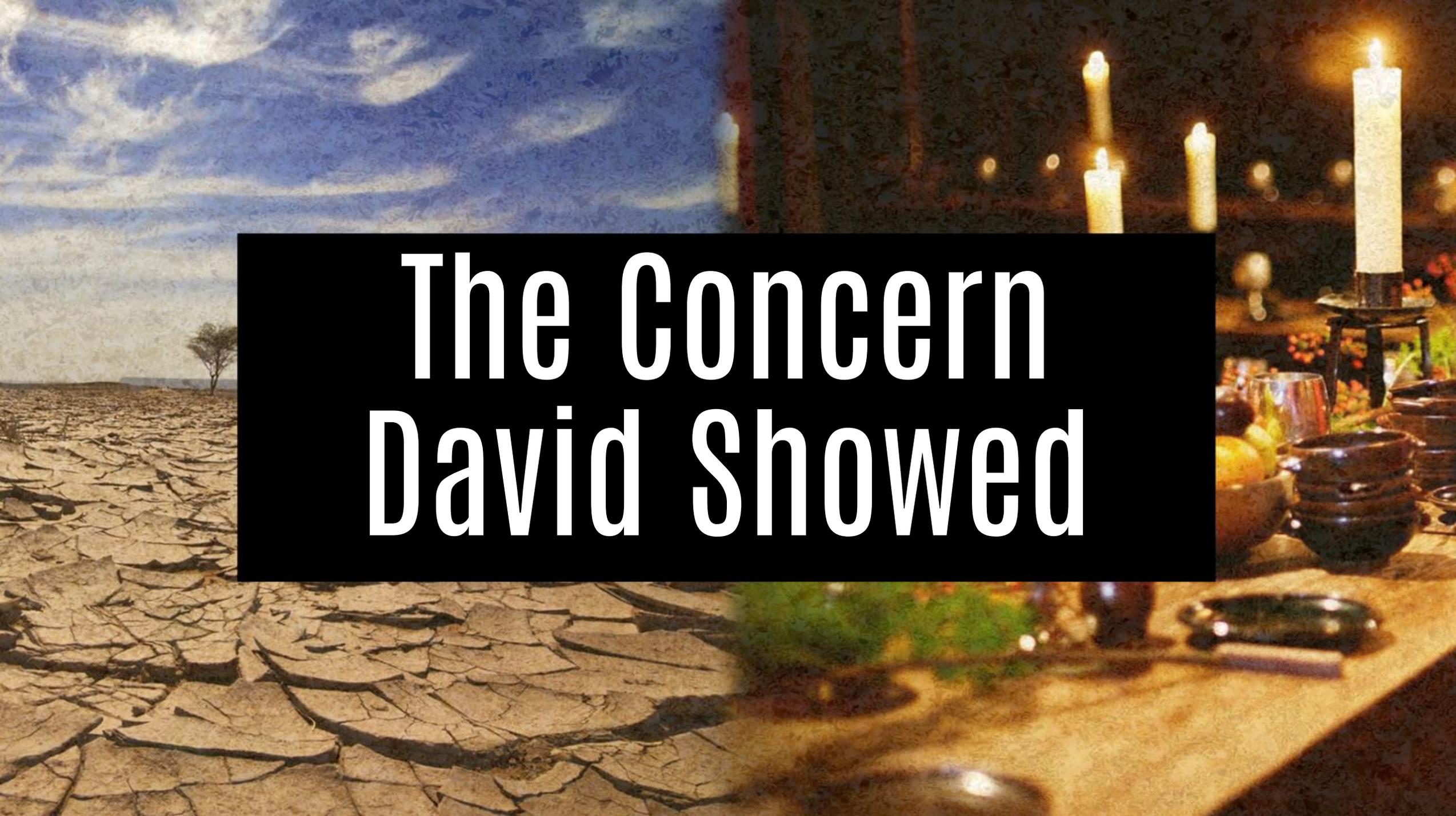
*"Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" 7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually. 8 Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?" ...*

# 2 Samuel 9:1-13

*"And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. 10 You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table[a] like one of the king's sons." 12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet."*

The image is a composite of two contrasting scenes. The left side shows a vast, cracked, and parched landscape under a cloudy sky, with a single tree in the distance. The right side shows a warm, candlelit dinner table with various dishes, including a bowl of fruit and a stack of plates. A central black box contains white text.

**OUT OF LO-DEBAR  
TO THE KING'S TABLE**



# The Concern David Showed

2 Samuel 8:15

*"So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people."*

## 2 Samuel 9:1

*"Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"*

# 1 Samuel 20:13-17

*"...may the Lord do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father to do you evil, then I will report it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And the Lord be with you as He has been with my father. 14 And you shall not only show me the kindness of the Lord while I still live, that I may not die; 15 but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the Lord has cut off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth..."*

# 1 Samuel 20:13-17

*"So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "Let the Lord require it at the hand of David's enemies." 17 Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul."*

## 2 Samuel 9:1

*"Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"*

John 3:16

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

## Romans 5:6-8

*"For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

# 1 John 4:9,10

*"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

Luke 19:10

*"for the Son of Man has  
come to seek and to save  
that which was lost."*

2 Samuel 9:1

*"Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?""*



# Mephibosheth

## 2 Samuel 9:3

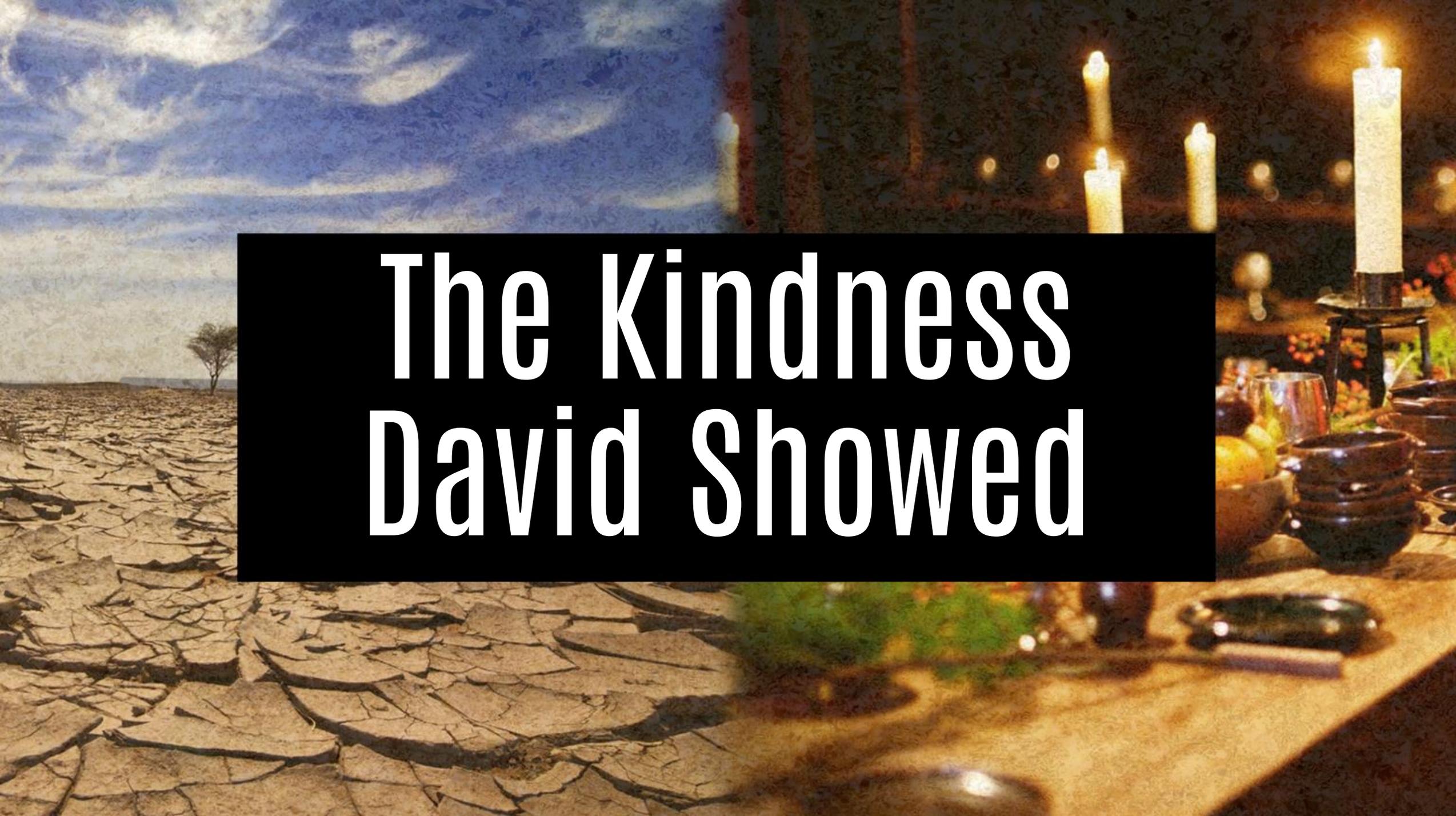
*"Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet."*

## 2 Samuel 3:1

*"Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker."*

## 2 Samuel 4:4

*"Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth."*



# The Kindness David Showed

2 Samuel 9:5

*"Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar."*

## 2 Samuel 9:6

*Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"*

## 2 Samuel 9:7

*"So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."*

## 2 Samuel 9:3

*"Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet."*

## 2 Samuel 9:7

*"So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."*

2 Samuel 9:8

*"Then he bowed himself, and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"*

# 1 Samuel 24:8

*"David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down."*

1 Samuel 24:14

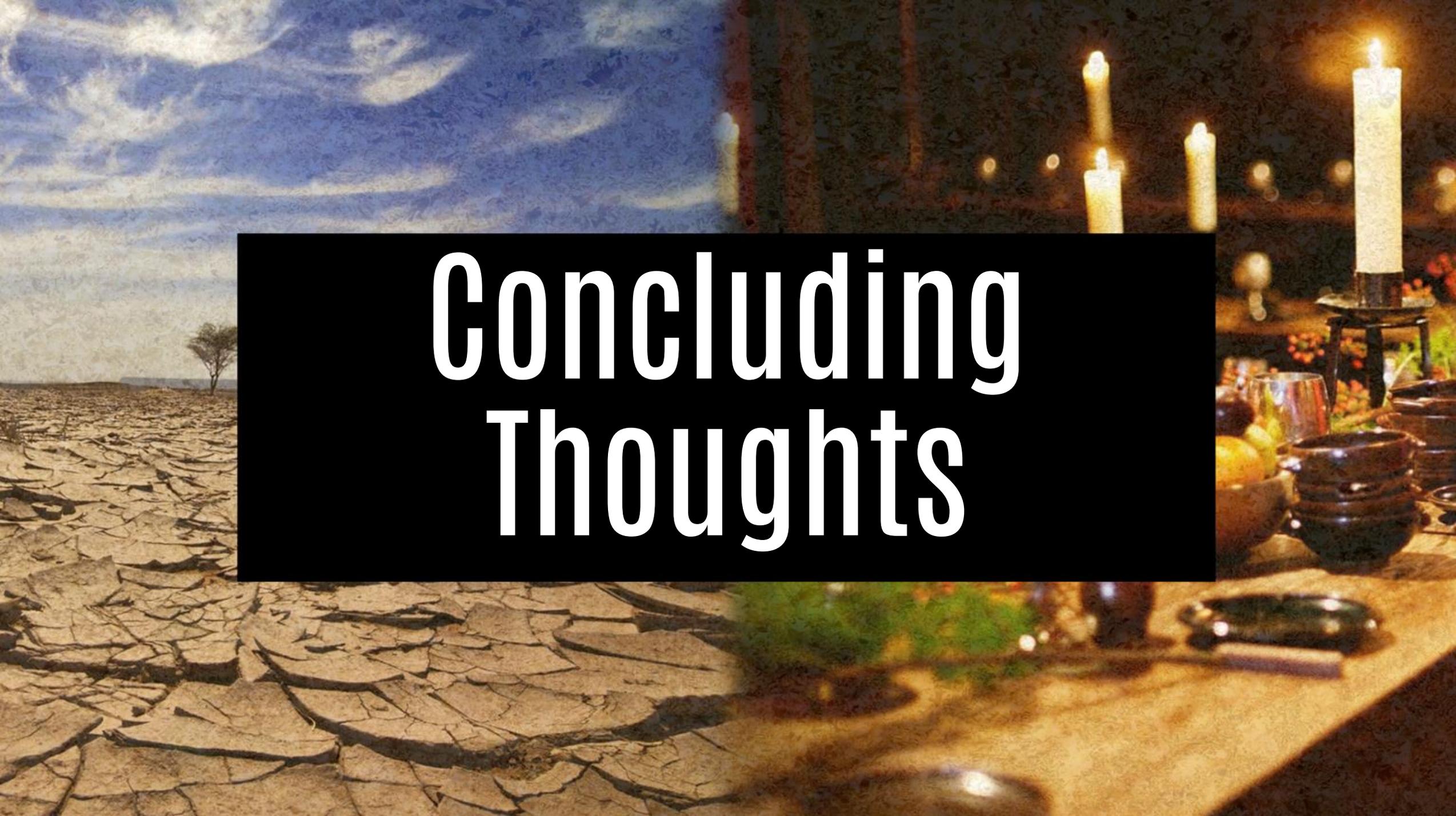
*"After whom has the king  
of Israel come out?  
Whom do you pursue? A  
dead dog? A flea?"*

# 2 Samuel 9:7,10,13

7 "So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

10 "You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants."

13 "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet."



# Concluding Thoughts

Titus 2:11

*"For the grace of God that  
brings salvation has  
appeared to all men"*

# Ephesians 1:5,6

*"having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."*

The image is a composite of two contrasting scenes. The left side shows a vast, cracked, and arid landscape under a cloudy sky, with a single tree in the distance. The right side shows a warm, candlelit dinner table with various dishes, including a bowl of fruit and a stack of plates. A central black box contains white text.

**OUT OF LO-DEBAR  
TO THE KING'S TABLE**

