Chapter 9

Miphiboleth a lame fonne of Ionathas is pioufly releeued by Dauid: 9. geuing to his vie the particular inheritance of Saul.

nd Dauid fayd: Is there any thinke you that is remaining of the house of Saul, that I may do mercie with him for Ionathas fake? ² And there was of the house of Saul, a feruant named Siba: whom when the king had called vnto him, he faid to him: Art thou Siba? And he answered: I am so thy feruant. ³ And the king faid: Is there anie remaining of the house of Saul, that I may doe with him the mercie of God? And Siba faid to the king: There is yet liuing a fonne of Ionathas, lame of his feete. 4 Where is he? quoth he. And Siba fayd to the king: Behold he is in the house of Machir the sonne of Ammiel in Lodabar. ⁵ King Dauid therefore fent, and tooke him out of the house of Machir the fonne of Ammiel of Lodabar. ⁶ And when Miphibofeth the fonne of Ionathas the fonne of Saul was come to Dauid, he fel on his face, and adored. And Dauid faid: Miphibofeth? Who answered: Here I am thy feruant. ⁷ And Dauid faid to him: Feare not, because doing I wil do mercie on thee for Ionathas thy father, & I wil reftore a) the landes of Saul thy father, and thou fhalt eate bread vpon my table alwaies. 8 Who adoring him, faid: Who am I thy feruant, that thou haft respect vpon a dead dogge like vnto me? ⁹ The king therefore called Siba the feruant of Saul, and faid to him: Al thinges whatfoeuer were Sauls, and al his houfe, I haue geuen to thy mafters fonne. ¹⁰ Til for him therefore the land, thou and thy fonnes, and thy feruants: and thou fhalt bring in meates for thy mafters fonne, that he may be maintained: and Miphibofeth the fonne of thy lord fhal eate alwaies bread by pon my table. And Siba had

^a The particular inheretace that pertained to Sauls familie.

^b Not fitte at table with the king, but have his diet of the kinges provision, besides the forsaide inheritance.

fiftene fonnes, and twentie feruants. ¹¹ And Siba faid to the king: As thou my lord king haft commanded thy feruant, fo wil thy feruant doe: and Miphibofeth fhal eate vpon my table, as one of the fonnes of the king. ¹² And Miphibofeth had a litle fonne called Micha: and al the kinred of the house of Siba ferued Miphibofeth. ¹³ Moreouer Miphibofeth dwelt in Ierusalem: because he did eate alwaies of the kings table: and he was lame on both feete.