

Summer Series: December 2023 to February, 2024 – The Letter P

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“The Wedding Feast”

Evidence of God’s Presence in Our Lives

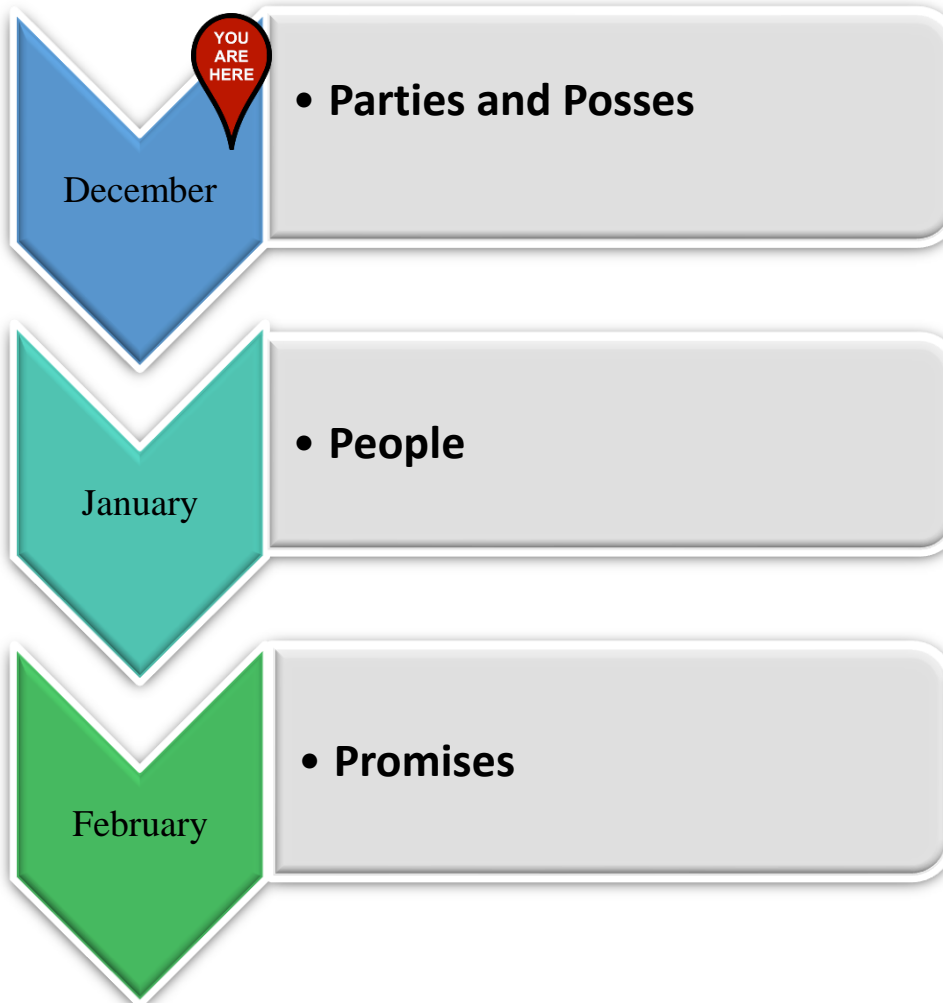
Windsor, 10th December, 2023

Welcome to Church

“Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.” Psalm 101:6



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“Paul prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them” Acts 16:25

“ to loose the prisoners appointed to death” Ps 102:20



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Beginning with the letter P Parties and Posses

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3rd
December

- **Belshazzar – The Writing on the Wall**

10th
December

- **The Wedding Feast**

17th
December

- **Esther – A Party with a Purpose!**

24th
December

Christmas - A Universal Celebration

YOU
ARE
HERE

Hallelujah to the King of Kings

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Maker of the heavens and earth
Exalted by the roar of a multitude:
“Salvation and glory and power
Belong to our God”.

The cry of hallelujah resounds
The fullness of time shows his
victory
Justice and truth are revealed
His wisdom adored.

Chorus:

Hallelujah to the King of Kings
Hallelujah the Almighty reigns
Let us all rejoice and give him all
our praise, our praise.

Praise the Lord you servants of
God

All who fear him come, whether
small or great:
Fall before his throne in awe
And worship him.

Blessed are those who will feast
At the glorious banquet of God
himself;
The wedding of the Lamb has
come,
His bride is now here.

Chorus:

Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Hallelujah to the God of power
The people of the Lord are ready
to see their king, Jesus.

Be Still

Be still for the presence of the
Lord

The Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now

With reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found

We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the
Lord

The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

He burns with holy fire

With splendour He is crowned

How awesome is the sight

Our radiant King of light

Be still for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal

To minister His grace

No work too hard for Him

In faith receive from Him

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

Be still for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place

Your Words

Let me hear Your words

Above all other voices

Above all the distractions

in this world. **(Repeat)**

For Your words bring life

And Your voice speaks promises

Lord, Your love offers more

Than anything else in this world

Chorus:

Your words give us

life that's never ending

Your words bring us

love that never fails

Everything else will fade away

But what will remain

Are Your words

Let us speak Your words

More than ours, more than ever

Let us share Your love

with all the world

Chorus

The grass will wither

and the flowers will fall

But the word of our God

will last forever. **(Repeat)**

Chorus

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

This Series of Services is about Things related to the Letter P.

- This month we are looking at Parties
- Last week we looked at a party where a hand wrote on the wall
 - It spelt the end of an empire whose leader had decided to ignore both his responsibilities and God.
- This week we are looking at the story of a man who was invited to 'party' every night and eat at the king's table.
- We are also looking at the wedding feast or 'P'-party where Jesus performed his first recorded miracle.

Mephibosheth – Jonathan's son

Date	David's Age	Event	Reference
1040 BC	-	David born	2 Samuel 5:4
	~15-20	David and Goliath	
1012	~25-30	David is a fugitive from Saul[335]	
1010	30	David becomes king at Hebron	2 Samuel 5:4-5
1003	37	David becomes king over all Israel and conquers Jerusalem	2 Samuel 5:4-5
	~37-47	Palace built, Philistine and Aramean campaigns	
	~47	David's kingdom established	
	~47	David sins with Bathsheba	

- After 17 years David has established his kingdom. He remembers his friend, Jonathan and wants to find a remnant of his family.

- He finds Mephibosheth who was injured and became lame when he was 5, while fleeing after Saul and Jonathan died in battle.

- David shows grace to Mephibosheth restores his lands & provides him full support from then on.

- Later Mephibosheth does not support David

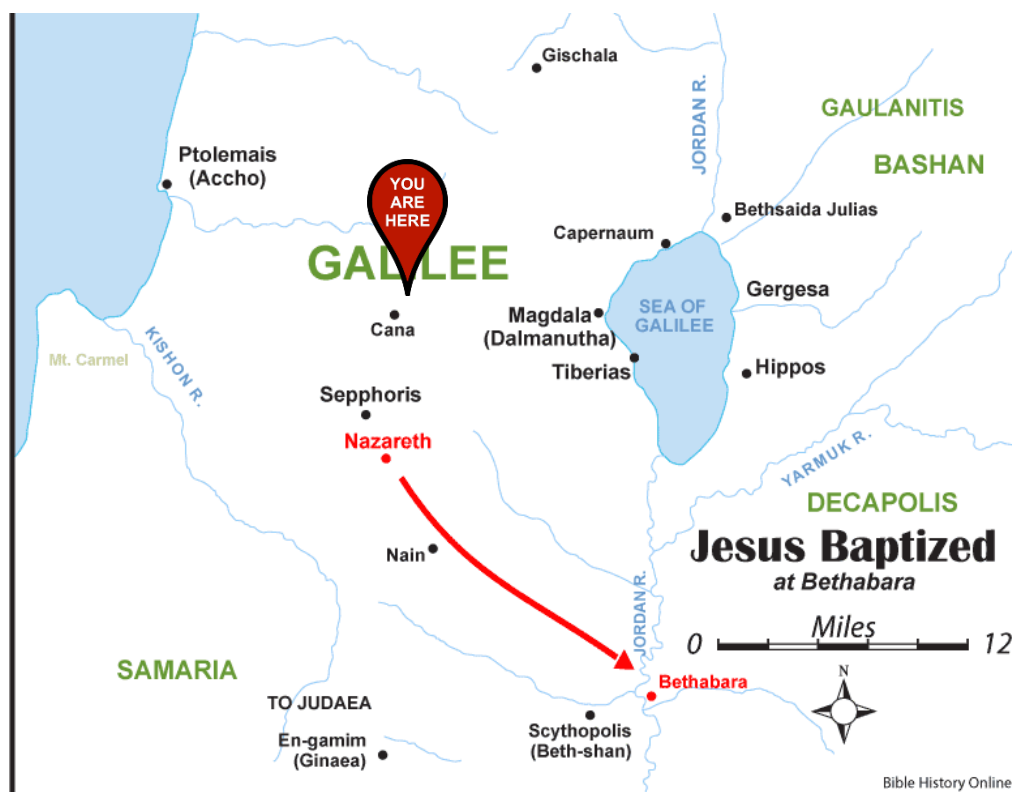
in his fight against Absalom but is forgiven anyway.

But what of Mephibosheth; what happened to him? Well, we lose track of him in the Bible account for many years, but it seems that the few survivors of King Saul's court went to live in a place called Lo Debar, near to where Mephibosheth's uncle, Ish-Bosheth, who had been killed by David's men, had lived in Mahanaim. Lo Debar was a bit of a ghetto town, its name meaning 'no thing', 'no place', or 'no pasture'. This is where Mephibosheth would have grown up. There has been some speculation linking the meaning of the name of the place where Mephibosheth lived, and his own disability, which culturally would have left him being in a lowly position... 'no thing'.

<https://theadditionalneedsblogfather.com/2022/02/15/mephibosheth/#:~:text=Mephibosheth%20doesn't%20appear%20in,so%20his%20line%20lived%20on.>

Wedding Party at Cana

- After he returned from Egypt Jesus grew up in Nazareth.
- John says he is baptized in Bethabara about 40km away from Nazareth.
- This takes place just a few days before the wedding at Cana.



- Jesus has only gathered 4 of his disciples by this stage.
- When he says he is not yet ready to start his mission it was true.
- Jesus' mother had absolute faith in the divine power her son had.

2 Samuel 2:4 and 9:5-13

^{2:4} And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.

^{9:5} Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

⁶ Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on

his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!

⁷ And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

⁸ And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

⁹ Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son

all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

¹⁰ Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

¹¹ Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

¹² And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.

¹³ So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

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(Ps. 144; Eph. 6/12; Rom. 13/10)

EQUIP me for the war,
 And teach my hands to fight;
 My simple, upright heart prepare,
 And guide my words aright.
 Control my every thought;
 My whole of sin remove;
 Let all my works in Thee be wrought,
 Let all be wrought in love.
 O arm me with the mind,
 Meek Lamb! which was in Thee;
 And let my knowing zeal be join'd
 With perfect charity:
 With calm and temper'd zeal
 Let me enforce Thy call;
 And vindicate Thy gracious will,
 Which offers life to all.
 O may I love like Thee!
 In all Thy footsteps tread!
 Thou hatest all iniquity,
 But nothing Thou hast made.
 O may I learn the art,
 With meekness to reprove;
 To hate the sin with all my heart,
 But still the sinner love.

Psalm 101

¹ I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

² I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

³ I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

⁴ A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

⁵ Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him

that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

⁶ Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

⁷ He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

⁸ I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

John 2:1-11

2 And the third day [*after his baptism*] there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:

2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew

the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

¹⁰ And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

¹¹ This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Message

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(Mic. 4/3; Isa 2/4 & 32/1)

THE Lord Jehovah reigns !
 Let all the nations fear ;
 And bow themselves before His throne
 And leave their offerings there.

The righteous monarch reigns,
 Let wickedness depart ;
 All malice, pride, and cruelty
 Leave every human heart.

The peaceful Lord appears,
 Let warriors fear His words ;
 Alter their spears to pruning-hooks,
 To ploughshares beat their swords.

And Isr'el seek to be
 Made like Him here on earth ;
 Then when He comes in truth to reign,
 He'll own your heav'nly birth.