

**THEME: SEVEN DEADLY CONTROLLERS**

**TOPIC: THE CONSEQUENCES OF INSECURITY.**

**TEXT: ROMANS 8:14, 1 JOHN 4:18, EPHESIANS 1:4-6, PSALM 139:13-14, MATTHEW 6:31-34.**

### **Introduction**

When we are insecure, we allow a lack of confidence or trust in ourselves to overtake our trust in God. Jeremiah 17:7–8 tells us, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. .... for it does not cease to bear fruit." When we put our trust in God, we need not be insecure.

### **WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES OF INSECURITY?**

Scripture says, his name was Miphiboseth, his father Jonathan was a prince. His grandfather was the first king of Israel, King Saul. Following the death of his grandfather and father in battle his nurse carried him when he was probably a couple of months old, trying to escape the likely death that may occur as the house of David needed to secure its grip on the throne that have passed on to it. Everyone from the house of Saul died.

But in the course of running away from the war, the nurse of the young man, Miphiboseth dropped him. He was to become paralysed all his life. The nurse, for fear of discovery took him to a little town called Lodebar, which in Hebrew tongue means “empty, pasture less, or dry”. Life was to be complicated further by the fact that the very name given to him by the nurse means, “Bringer of great shame”.

So here we have a young man who was the son of a prince but now is called “The bringer of great shame”, living in a town called “Empty”, dropped and therefore lacking the ability to make movement. He was to live in the house of Makir – that in itself was another complication because the name of Makir means, “Sell-out”.

This broken young man who was now a recluse in a forsaken town certainly was a picture of insecurity. This state of mind, this insecurity, broke Mephibosheth and for all those whom it affects, it brings about doubts and fears about tomorrow, and even self-doubt about one’s personality.

1. Insecurity causes people to be double-minded about themselves. One time they are proud to be who they are, another time, they reject themselves. **James 1:8**
2. Insecurity embarrasses people. It is an inference that can be made. Mephibosheth may have spent most of his time ashamed of his physical disability, combined with his princely heritage, it seemed like a contradiction.
3. He therefore felt insecure and probably feared what people might think or say of him. This is how the insecure worry about opinions people might not even hold concerning them. Insecurity can cause people to lack self-confidence.
4. Being insecure can also mean the tendency to be anxious or worry about the future. Imagine the thought that went possibly through the prince’s mind whenever he expressed concern about marriage. Being disabled was one thing; he also had to grapple with the thought of

being rejected for being an ex-prince in a low down, unpopular town which may have eroded his confidence.

5. Insecurity makes you to lose friends. Who wants to hang around with people who perpetually tear themselves apart and feel that they are the ugliest thing that ever happened to humanity? And once you are estranged or cut yourself from associations, you also shut the possibilities of coming in contact with certain privileges and opportunities.
6. Some insecure people are nervous. They are restless and lack confidence.

### **Proverbs 29:25.**

People who are not known to show this negative nature once in a while revert to it when they face an almost impossible situation in life. Take Job. Secure, rich, blessed with children and a great business but in one short twenty four hours, calamity struck and everything was gone. The same Job now says.....**Job 3:8**

7. Highly anointed people can drift into bouts of insecurity. Elijah yesterday called fire from heaven, but today, because of the threat of the letter of Jezebel, became scared, worried and said, "I am no better than my fathers". **1 Kings 19:4**
8. Insecure people drain you. If you don't think so, ask David. He was married to Milcah the daughter of Saul. Saul's behaviour, rash vows and actions towards people around him can give us a picture of how his home was. Milcah was given to David as the booty for killing some Philistines. Her insecurity fuelled in the way she lashed out at her husband.
9. The insecure build defences around themselves. They are not great at relating to people. They do not know how to receive love or are busy buying it.
10. Insecurity means the pain of not being sure. Honestly speaking, we all get a bout of it every once in a while, probably because of the battles we face or the challenges that come our way.

## **CONCLUSION**

Moses was afraid and deeply insecure about how he could ever possibly fulfil God's calling on his life. He knew that he didn't have the capacity for the task assigned for him. He knew that he did not have the wisdom or strength or goodness or determination, or any other quality that would be needed in order to fulfil God's purpose for him. The interesting thing is that God is aware of his insecurity and has already made provision for it. **Exodus 3:9-15.**

In Christ, you are already accepted in the Beloved. Here is a remarkable fact—He loves you perfectly (**1 John 4:18-19**). This gives security. It is not our perfect love for Him but His perfect love for us that makes the difference. There is nothing you can do to make Him love you more. His perfect love casts out fear. There is also nothing that will cause Him to love you less.

God wants you to find your security in Him and Him alone. Rest in the security He offers.