

2 SAMUEL 7:18-29 -- DAVID'S PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKGIVING WHEN GOD INFORMS THAT HE WILL BUILD AN ETERNAL HOUSE FOR DAVID!!

2Sa 7:18-29 Then King David went in, sat in the LORD's presence, and said, Who am I, Lord (Adonay) GOD (Yahweh), and what is my house that You have brought me this far? [19] What You have done so far was a little thing to You, Lord GOD, for You have also spoken about Your servant's house in the distant future. And this is a revelation for mankind, Lord GOD. [20] What more can David say to You? You know Your servant, Lord GOD. [21] Because of Your word and according to Your will, You have revealed all these great things to Your servant. [22] This is why You are great, Lord GOD. There is no one like You, and there is no God besides You, as all we have heard confirms. [23] And who is like Your people Israel? God came to one nation on earth in order to redeem a people for Himself, to make a name for Himself, and to perform for them great and awesome acts, driving out nations and their gods before Your people You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt. [24] You established Your people Israel to be Your own people forever, and You, LORD, have become their God. [25] Now, LORD God, fulfill the promise forever that You have made to Your servant and his house. Do as You have promised, [26] so that Your name will be exalted forever, when it is said, "The LORD of Hosts is God over Israel." The house of Your servant David will be established before You [27] since You, LORD of Hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant when You said, "I will build a house for you." Therefore, Your servant has found the courage to pray this prayer to You. [28] Lord GOD, You are God; Your words are true, and You have promised this grace to Your servant. [29] Now, please bless Your servant's house so that it will continue before You forever. For You, Lord GOD, have spoken, and with Your blessing Your servant's house will be blessed forever.

The Biblical Setting:

- In the preceding chapters, David has been established as king over all Israel. He has moved from Hebron to Jerusalem.
- In chapter 6, David has brought the Ark of the Covenant back into Jerusalem and put it in the Tabernacle there.
- In the first part of chapter 7, David has the idea of building a house for God. He informs Nathan. Nathan says, that's a great idea.
- Later that night, God tells Nathan that David cannot build a house but that his son will build the house for God.
- Also, so profoundly, the Lord informs Nathan to tell David that God is going to build a house for David, from which the Messiah will come, and that house will last forever!
- David then offers this wonderful prayer of praise and thanksgiving!

A Wonderful Prayer of Praise!

2Sa 7:18-29 Then King David went in, sat in the LORD's presence, and said, Who am I, Lord GOD, and what is my house that You have brought me this far? - Yes, You have made me king. You've given me this beautiful palace. You've blessed me with victories over my enemies. You've given me fame and glory and honor. Who am I, Lord, God? You should do this for me. He acknowledges that he was nothing, the humble beginnings. He acknowledges the goodness and the grace of God that had been showered upon him.

[19] What You have done so far was a little thing to You, Lord GOD, for You have also spoken about Your servant's house in the distant future. And this is a revelation for mankind, Lord GOD. - Lord, only You showed this kind of grace. Only You showed this undeserved goodness. Man is always looking for the qualified deserving people to reward. God calls those who are unqualified to be still upon them His glory, His honor, His power, His riches. God chooses the poor, the weak upon which to be strong and by His grace and glory, just confound the wise of the world.

[20] What more can David say to You? You know Your servant, Lord GOD. - "Lord, I can't, I can't say anything more. You just have to know. You read my heart. You know what I feel inside and there are emotions that are so deep and so full that you cannot really express them with words. Languages becomes then a barrier, a hindrance. You just have to be silent and let God read your heart. The love, the feelings, the emotions that are there.

[21] Because of Your word and according to Your will, You have revealed all these great things to Your servant.

"Lord, you didn't do it for my sake, for the fact that I was worthy, I was deserving. I recognized that, Lord. You did it for Your word's sake. You did it so it might bring glory to You." That's why God chooses unlikely people to do as work in order that the glory may be to God, and not of us. God does things that are almost ludicrous..

[22] This is why You are great, Lord GOD. There is no one like You, and there is no God besides You, as all we have heard confirms. - Lord, You are it. You are great. There is none like You, neither is there any God beside You.

[23] And who is like Your people Israel? God came to one nation on earth in order to redeem a people for Himself, to make a name for Himself, and to perform for them great and awesome acts, driving out nations and their gods before Your people You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt. [24] You established Your people Israel to be Your own people forever, and You, LORD, have become their God. = Now notice this. God has confirmed to Himself the people of Israel to be a people unto Him forever. There are those today who are incorrectly declaring that God is through with Israel that they have been set aside and that God's whole purposes now are to be accomplished through the church.

[25] Now, LORD God, fulfill the promise forever that You have made to Your servant and his house. Do as You have promised, [26] so that Your name will be exalted forever, when it is said, "The LORD of Hosts is God over Israel." The house of Your servant David will be established before You [27] since You, LORD of Hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant when You said, "I will build a house for you." Therefore, Your servant has found the courage to pray this prayer to You. - "Lord, I am wiped out. You said you are going to build my house, I can't. Oh, Lord, glory."

[28] Lord GOD, You are God; Your words are true, and You have promised this grace to Your servant. [29] Now, please bless Your servant's house so that it will continue before You forever. For You, Lord GOD, have spoken, and with Your blessing Your servant's house will be blessed forever. - So Lord, Do what you said You are going to do. And glorify and magnify Your name! What a beautiful prayer! David responds to God's promise to build Him a house to raise up from His seed, the Messiah, to rule over the earth.

SUMMARY:

- **Who am I – brought me this far? A small thing in Your sight, but what great things You have for us forever! Certainly it's not the manner of man!**
- **What can I say-for You know all things about me?**
- **You are great – there is none like You or besides You!**
- **And who are like Your people? You have made us Your very own forever!**
- **When we pray in God's will for God's will, we become part of God's will! Pray expectantly!**
- **Are you praying for and standing on the promises of God?**
- **Do you believe God can be trusted to keep His promises?**

How Great Thou Art! – Ernie Ford

*O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Chorus: - Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

