

## **2 SAMUEL 7:18-29 – DAVID’S THANKSGIVING TO GOD!**

### **Disappointment! Good news! David wanted to do something great for God and God did something far greater for him!**

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#### **JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE’RE THE SUN** – I. Watts; J. Hatton-Hustad Chorale–Hymn#132vs. 1, 2, 4

*Jesus shall reign where’er the sun Does his successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
For Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev’ry morning sacrifice.  
Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen*

#### **Chapter 7– God’s Covenant With David!**

Two phrases in this chapter summarize the main lesson: “**your seed**” (2Sa\_7:12) and “**your throne**” (2Sa\_7:16). This Davidic covenant (also given in 1Ch\_17:1-27) is important to the program of God, because in it God promises certain special blessings to the Jewish nation through David. In His covenant with Abraham (Gen\_15:1-21), God had promised a seed, a land, and a blessing to all nations through Israel. In this covenant, God reveals that the promised Messiah would come through David’s line (Rom\_1:3) and would rule from David’s throne over the promised messianic kingdom. The ultimate fulfillment of these promises is in Jesus Christ. Read carefully the message of the angel to Mary in Luk\_1:28-33 and note that God promises Christ the throne and the kingdom of David. Led by the Spirit, Zacharias states clearly that Christ would fulfill the covenants made to the fathers (Luk\_1:68-75). It is our conviction that **Christ will fulfill this Davidic covenant when He sits on David’s throne and rules during the millennial kingdom (Rev\_20:1-6)**. It is **then that all the great kingdom promises in the OT Prophets will be fulfilled**. The apostles in Act\_15:13-18 understood that God would build David’s house (tabernacle) again after God was finished visiting the Gentiles and calling out a people for His name (the church).

#### **God’s Covenant with David**

2Sa 7:1 *Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around,*

2Sa 7:2 *that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."*

2Sa 7:3 *Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."*

2Sa 7:4 *But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,*

2Sa 7:5 *"Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?"*

2Sa 7:6 *For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.*

2Sa 7:7 *Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' "*

2Sa 7:8 *Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.*

2Sa 7:9 *And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.*

2Sa 7:10 *Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,*

2Sa 7:11 *since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.*

2Sa 7:12 *"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.*

- This is tremendous! We have read from the New Testament that the Lord Jesus Christ was made of the seed of David (Rom\_1:3). God said to David, “I am going to set up your seed after you, who will come from your body and I will establish His Kingdom.” God was not talking about Solomon, but was referring to Jesus Christ!

2Sa 7:13 *He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

2Sa 7:14 *I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.*

2Sa 7:15 *But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.*

- David interpreted rightly this declaration that the Messiah was to arise from his descendants. He would be a part of the lineage that would bring the Messiah to the earth. His kingdom, thy kingdom shall be established for

ever that is through Jesus Christ, and thy throne shall be established forever. That was fulfilled in Christ.

**2Sa 7:16** *And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."*

**2Sa 7:17** *According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.*

**David's Prayer of Gratitude**

**2Sa 7:18** *Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?*

- David did the best thing that one can do when being told "no" by the Lord. He handled his disappointment by going into the presence of the Lord and prayed!
- 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.

**2Sa 7:19** *And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?*

**2Sa 7:20** *Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant.*

**2Sa 7:21** *For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them.*

- Lord, 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. Then David prayed and he said,
- Lord, you didn't do it for my sake, for the fact that I was worthy or 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.

**2Sa 7:22** *Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.*

**Your People Israel, Forever**

**2Sa 7:23** *And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods?*

**2Sa 7:24** *For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.*

**Let the House of Your Servant Be Blessed Forever**

**2Sa 7:25** *"Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said.*

**2Sa 7:26** *So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.*

**2Sa 7:27** *For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.*

**2Sa 7:28** *"And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.*

**2Sa 7:29** *Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord GOD, have spoken it and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever." (1Chr. 29)*

**SUMMARY:**

- David wanted to do something great for God and God did something far greater for him!
- Even when we have an idea which seems to be totally of the Lord, we need to go to Him for verification, direction and guidance!
- What a disappointment for David to hear "no" from the Lord regarding his desire to build Him a house. But David did the best thing! He went in and sat before the Lord! "Who am I"?
- God's promised to David that He would give David a house, a Royal Dynasty, forever! The Messiah would come through David's bloodline! David was speechless! No wonder!
- David was most articulate and expressive, yet here, because this thing is so beautiful, so wonderful, he was speechless! He just praises the Lord!
- If I can't do it, I'm going to do whatever I can to see that it gets done! (1 Chr. 29)
- How grateful am I, are we, that God faithfully always gives us more than we ask? Our God reigns!

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