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II SAMUEL 7:4-16

LESSON: GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID —December 11, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

Samuel, the prophet is the author of 1 Samuel, but the author is not known in 2nd Samuel. The purpose of 2 Samuel is to record the history of David's reign. David had just brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem, which brought great leaping and dancing within him. ¹God's covenant with David makes this one of the great chapters of the Bible. God promised a king and a kingdom to come in the line of David. God confirmed this promise with an oath (Ps. 89:34-37).

(2nd Sam.)7:1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies;— This chapter begins with David sitting in his house, for David had conquered all the nations that were around Israel, and God had caused him to live in peace; resting from his enemies.

(2nd Sam.)7:2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. During David's rest, he sees the ark of God in a tent /curtains, and David himself was living in a palace, and no doubt he spared no expense, mentioning cedar, which was an expensive wood grown from the trees of Lebanon which is often used as a symbol of "strength." However, the ark of God dwelled within curtains. The design of the first Tabernacle or tent came from God, and was given to Moses, but now the ark of God is within temporary curtains. David is not only a ruler but a shepherd who has a heart for his God! He wanted to honor God in a better way! His intention was to build a temple for God. A plan begins to formulate in his mind as to how he could do this. David was very careful to do nothing without consulting the priest/prophet, Nathan. Nathan was an important link here in communicating the "Will of God" and plays an important role elsewhere as well.

(2nd Sam.)7:3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee. So David calls Nathan the prophet, and outlines his intentions. Nathan hastily consents, thinking that David's plan to build such a house will be pleasing to God, and goes on to say...**for the Lord is with thee**— Apparently Nathan gave his approval because he saw nothing wrong with the idea of not going to the Lord, until the Lord came to him.

LESSON: I. DAVID'S OFFER DECLINED II SAMUEL 7:4-7

(2nd Sam.)7:4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying,— Well, since Nathan didn't inquire of God, God came to him. God reveals His Word and Will to Nathan in a dream or vision at night. Apparently Nathan spoke too quickly about what God would say about building a temple for Him. We have to be careful in speaking too soon about a matter and not conferring with God.

(2nd Sam.)7:5 Go and tell my servant David, — God calls David His servant and a servant does what the master desires. However, ²God doesn't go to David, He goes to Nathan. Nathan is the prophet of God. Prophets are the mouth-piece for God, and Nathan should have known better. He makes Nathan go back and correct what he 's said to David. Now Nathan has to say what God really says about the matter of a house for Him.

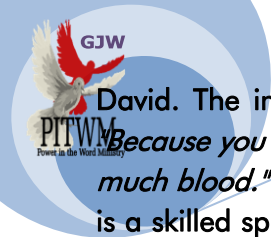
(2nd Sam.)7:5b ...Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? — The question: "Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?" Another translation says: "Are you the one who is to build Me a temple for My residence?" And 2nd Samuel 7 coincides with the book of 1 Chronicle 17:4 making it even plainer, saying "You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in." That is what God tells Nathan to tell

¹ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/ii-samuel-7/>

² <file:///GoldRoom/pbc/pbc.org/dp/roe/0024.html>

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David. The implication of God asking this question is told to David over in both I Chronicles 22 and 28—*“Because you are a man of blood and a man of war, you cannot build my temple.”* In fact God says, *“You shed much blood.”* You have too much blood on your hands. Most of David's life has been spilling people's blood. He is a skilled spiller of blood, and that is not the kind of picture God wants from a king who is going to build His house of worship; a place of rest. It's OK to bring God's people into the land of rest, but David was not a man of rest until now. During all of David's reign as a king, he never really had a time of rest, but we see in verse 1 God had given him rest from all his enemies, but building the Lord's house would not be required of him.

(2nd Sam.)7:6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. God continues to speak to Nathan telling him that He has not lived in any house since the time that He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, in Moses' time. All of God's dwellings have been temporary, within curtains. This means God has wandered or had His dwelling in a tent and in a tabernacle.

(2nd Sam.)7:7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?— God is saying whenever and wherever He journeyed and moved with the children of Israel—in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, his dwelling was in a tent/tabernacle.

³*Tent and tabernacle — These two seem thus to be distinguished, the one may note the curtains and hangings within, the other the frame of boards, and coverings upon it.*

Even as He spoke a Word through the smoke coming from the tent, He never commanded or appointed any of the tribes of Israel to build Him a house of cedar. He didn't say at any time, *“Why have you not built me a cedar temple?”* God is the initiator. He always says what He wants; we are the responders.

II. DAVID'S FORTUNES PROTECTED II SAMUEL 7:8-11a

(2nd Sam.)7:8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:— God, the Lord of host—the leader of the armies of angels is still speaking to Nathan to remind David that He took him out of the sheepfold; from taking care of the sheep, to be a ruler over His people; over Israel. And God took David from the pasture of being a shepherd; and from running to ruling, and now to rule on the throne over the flock of God!

(2nd Sam.)7:9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. God let David know that it was He who was with him wherever he went; protecting him from his enemies by cutting them off from his sight. David's name had been made great like the name of great men in the land.

(2nd Sam.)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; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,— Furthermore or in addition, God says He will appoint or establish a place for His people Israel. God's promise of a Promised Land had already been promised to Abraham. God makes the same promise to us today when He says *“I go to prepare a place for you...”* It was not for David to appoint a place for them to dwell. In the place God prepares, they will not be unsettled anymore; not be disturbed anymore. Again, God is the initiator, meaning He will establish His people in their own place and land; a place where the heathen nations won't afflict them anymore. It will not be as before, namely in the time of bondage in Egypt, by the children of wickedness, but it will be better.

(2nd Sam.)7:11a And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have

³<http://www.christnotes.org/commentary.php?b=10&c=7&com=wes>
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caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. God makes known that the children of wickedness has not afflicted Israel since the time God had appointed judges to be over His people, and neither since the time of rest or peace from the battles.

III. DAVID'S DYNASTY ESTABLISHED II SAMUEL 7:11b-16

(2nd Sam.)7:11b Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house. David will not be the one to build a house for God, but God will be instrumental to make Himself a house. God would increase and maintain the family of David and secure the succession of the throne to David's dynasty. It was fulfilled primarily in the future in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

(2nd Sam.)7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. This refers to when David's life expires; when he dies, God will set up David's seed, his son Solomon who had been born from his body, to take his place as king of Israel. David was the king of Israel only because the Lord had chosen him. And God is the one who will establish and make his kingdom strong, and continue it. But the eternal kingdom will be of the Messiah.

Joseph and many were direct descendants of King David. Joseph was in the royal line of succession through King Solomon and therefore of David's lineage. Mary was also a descendant of Solomon's brother Nathan. Both Mary and Joseph were direct descendants of King David. Matthew's genealogy gives Jesus' legal or royal lineage through Joseph. Mary's ancestral line is recorded in Luke 3:23-38. Also look at (Matt.1:1, 16, 20; Lk.2:4).

This all boils down to God keeping His covenant promise with David. Salvation would come through David's line through the birth of the Messiah. The Messiah was born a descendant of David.

(2nd Sam.)7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. David's request was good, but God had other plans of who would build and establish His house! In this, David is to understand that his offspring (2Sam.7:12), Solomon shall build a literal house, a temple dedicated in God's name, and God assures that David's son will reign as king of Israel. The throne of David ended in 586 BC with Zedekiah, the last king of Judah; even Solomon's reign would end, but the line of David continues forever, eternally with Jesus Christ, the Son of God having a house forever; a kingdom forever.

(2nd Sam.)7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. God will personally lead as a father, with all affection, and have Solomon as His son. Solomon, as a type of Christ; will have the same father as Christ Himself (the Son of God) as is evident with the very same words in Hebrews 1:5 (*...And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*). God is able to show an intimate loving relationship with all of us. And we can say He is our Father.

(2nd Sam.)7:14b ...If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:— If Solomon commits iniquity, God will chastise Him, as well as with any of His children who would follow in the lineage of David, except the Messiah who is sinless. God uses the words "I will", meaning He will chastise and correct them with the rod of men; with such rods and stripes as men would correct their children with; not to destroy, but to correct with love, even using other nations to come against them.

(2nd Sam.)7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. God gives an unconditional promise that *"His mercy will not depart from Solomon"* as David's predecessor (Saul) whose throne was taken and God's glory departed from him. Nobody in Saul's family ever became king after he died. We'll find out later that even though ⁴Solomon did not follow the Lord as David did (1 Kings 11:4), The Lord to love Solomon and keep His promise. ⁵Mercies are like streams of water that never dry up.

(2nd Sam.)7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall

⁴ <http://www.easyenglish.info/bible-commentary/2samuel-lbw.htm>

⁵ <http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Bible.show/sVerseID/8196/eVerseID/8196/RTD/Barnes>





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be established for ever. God names three things: house, kingdom, and throne.

- House—household or family, the line of succession to the throne is established forever.
- Kingdom—when all the tribes will be gathered under the Messiah, it will be established forever.
- Throne—the original throne was only temporary, but His future throne is eternal; established forever.

The point is: all of this will be established forever! It cannot be broken. It will be fulfilled in Jesus. That's why its forever. He is eternal! It does not mean that there cannot be interruptions, but the final outcome is guaranteed! All is established forever; permanently secured forever. *"Before thee"* means prior to; even before David dies, it's already done.

SUMMARY:

David is sitting and taking his rest after conquering all the nations that were around Israel. He talks with the prophet Nathan about him dwelling in a house of cedar, while the Ark of God dwells within curtains. David wants to build God a house (temple). And Nathan tells David to go and do what he was thinking about (**7:1-3**).

God comes to Nathan in the night to give him a Word concerning David's desire to build God a temple. Nathan was to tell David that he was not the one to build the temple for He (God) had never lived in a temple. His home had been in a tent ever since He had brought Israel out of Egypt. And as He traveled with Israel, He had never commanded or asked the leaders to build Him a house. (**7:4-9**).

God responds with this message through Nathan. God had to remind David of where He had brought him from to where he is not; from tending sheep to ruler over people; Israel. Wherever David went, God was there destroying enemies and protecting him from his enemies, and making his name great like the name of great men in the land. God will be the one to select a place for Israel, planting them where they will not have to move any more or not have evil men to afflict them anymore, as they did when the judges ruled God's people (**7:8-11a**).

Instead, God would be the One to have His house built. And when David's life is fulfilled and he is buried with his fathers, God will raise up his offspring, born of his body to establish his kingdom and build a temple for God, thereby establishing his throne forever; being a father to him and he a son to God. If Solomon goes wrong, he will chasten him with the rod of men as those who would correct their children. God's lovingkindness shall not depart from him as it was with Saul. Thus David's house, kingdom, and throne shall stand forever (**7:11b-16**).

APPLICATION:

Have you ever had to change your plans because the Word of the Lord came to you, whether in thinking or direction? It pays to follow God. It will always keep us on the right track! What we do for Christ will last; just make sure it is God's Will.