

David: After God's Heart

God promised to establish a descendant of David as leader of His people.



TRANSFORMATION
for Adult LifeGroups

2 SAMUEL 7:8-21 - ESTABLISHED

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TODAY'S TEXT

Text: 2 SAMUEL 7:8-21 (NIV), "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. 10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders[a] over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: 12 When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me[b]; your throne will be established forever.'" 17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation. 18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 19 And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human! 20 "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord. 21 For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

FIRST THOUGHTS

° How would you describe the legacies left by these people?

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Steve Jobs

George Washington

Oprah Winfrey

Walt Disney

° What about David? Of the many things we might remember him for, God promised he would be remembered because God established him and his house. God would use David's family to bring his son Jesus into the world so we could be a part of His family.

UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

The timeless has an appeal to us along with the timely. Perhaps even in spite of ourselves, we desire that which is permanent and lasting—surely this yearning comes from God Himself. Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us God has "set eternity in the hearts of men." We have an innate desire to leave a legacy. To make our lives count for something that will endure when we are gone. If we want to do something that will endure, we must join Him in His work. When we join Him in His work, then we find a lasting legacy marked for eternity.

Chapter 7 is vital to the overall message of 2 Samuel, serving as a hinge on which the entire book turns. Prior to this chapter, David was active in war and worship; he fought, built, leaped and danced before the Lord. Such enthusiastic activity turned into a time of reflection upon the works and ways of God. Chapter 7 contains the longest divine discourse since the establishment of the covenant at Sinai. It marks the first time God has spoken since He spoke to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:1-14. On that occasion, the fall of the house of Eli was foretold; on this occasion, the establishment of the house of David was declared.

Understanding 2 Samuel 7 requires an understanding of the dual usage of the word "house" (translated "palace" in v. 1). It occurs fourteen times in the chapter but is used in two different ways. At times it referred to a physical structure, but it also indicated a dynasty and a succession of kings from the same family. David had sought to build the Lord a house (temple) in which the ark could be placed. Nathan the prophet encouraged him in this, but God had a better plan for the king and His people. He would establish David and his house forever.

God promised that a descendant of David would rule over the people of God forever (2 Sam. 7:16). After the exile, there was no Davidic king, but the prophets understood that God would keep His promise by repairing the breach (Amos 9:11) and would restore David's lineage to the throne (Isa. 11:1-9). Ultimately, this promise was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus, the Son of David (Luke 1:31-33).

EXPLORE THE TEXT

REST

> Read 2 Samuel 7:8-11a

- ° David went from Shepherd to King. What parts of being a shepherd prepared him to be a king?
- ° God reminded David He was with him through all things. What struggles had David faced? What enemies had he overcome?
- ° Where has God brought you from? Think about the last years of your life, how has God been preparing you for what is going on in your life this year?

RULE

> Read 2 Samuel 7:11b-17

- ° The “house” in these verses is a family, a people. What are the characteristics of this people according to these verses? Choose one characteristic and tell why you want to be part of a people like this.
- ° What phrases in this passage teach you about Jesus? How do you let Jesus rule in your life today?

REJOICE OVER

> Read 2 Samuel 7:18-21

- ° What was David's response to God's message? What has caused you to feel overwhelmed by what God has done for you?

SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE

Personal Challenge: Memorize 2 Samuel 7:9 by substituting your name in every “you” or “your”: “I have been with _____ wherever _____ [has] gone, and I have destroyed all _____’s enemies before _____. I will make a great name for _____ like that of the greatest on the earth.”

UPCOMING LESSONS

- Read 2 Samuel 9
- David was motivated by God's grace and kindness to him today's passage to show grace and kindness to others.
- Who do you need to show grace and kindness to because of what God has done for you?

Valued - 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Grieved - 2 Samuel 13:15-20; 31-39

Deposed - 2 Samuel 15:10-30

LIFE OF DAVID - BIBLE READING PLAN - Week 4

Monday, June 25: 2 Samuel 1, Psalm 99 **Tuesday, June 26:** 2 Samuel 2, Psalm 118 **Wednesday, June 27:** 2 Samuel 3, Psalm 103

Thursday, June 28: 2 Samuel 4-5 **Friday, June 29:** 2 Samuel 6, Psalm 110

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

25th - Joel 1-3; 2 Timothy 1 | **26th** - Jonah 1-4; 2 Timothy 2 | **27th** - 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chronicles 25; 2 Timothy 3 | **28th** - Amos 1-3; Psalm 80; 2 Timothy 4 | **29th** - Amos 4-6; Psalm 86; Titus 1 | **30th** - Amos 7-9; Psalm 104; Titus 2 | **1st** - Isaiah 1-3; Titus 3