

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Samuel Chapters 6 - 7 10/20-21/2025

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OPENING PRAYER

- **Chapters 6 & 7 are two important chapters in the Life of David.** We see here a display of **His great love for the LORD** in wanting to bring the Ark of the Covenant, the presence of God into Jerusalem (*chapter 6*) and **purposing in his heart to build God a house** (*chapter 7*)!
- **Notice in these Psalms of David what great love he had for the LORD** in his heart and soul. (*Psa 9:1*) *I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. (Psa 103:1) Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! (Psa 108:1) O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.*
- **God refers to David as a man “after His own heart!”** (*1Sa 13:14*) *But now your (Saul’s) kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man (David), after His own heart and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.” (Act 13:22) And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I HAVE FOUND DAVID THE SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.’*

2 SAMUEL – Chapter 6 – The Ark Brought to Jerusalem – (vs. 1-23); Chapter 7 – God’s Covenant with David – (vs. 1-17); David’s Thanksgiving with God – (vs. 18-29);

- **David is now the king over all of Israel.** He has moved the capital of Israel from Hebron while ruling over Judah alone to Jerusalem as the capital of the nation of Israel.
- **Now, early in David's reign, the LORD is going to drive home** a super big lesson in David's life, who at this point has decades of decision-making in front of him as the king of Israel. He is going to learn something about decision-making as to what is and is not important to God, who is going to drive this point home to him in a very dramatic way, a way that he will never forget.
- **The lesson is also very important for us in our service to the LORD! It is that one cannot do the right thing in the wrong way!** We must always do the right thing in the right way! This goes contrary to the world, which teaches that the end justifies the means, that if we have a good end or a good goal, then any worthwhile or unworthwhile means of achieving that goal is okay. God looks at that and says, That does not work in My Kingdom!
- **With the God that we serve, for Him to be properly represented, the end must be a right end and must be a good end, and the means by which we get there must also be good.** Everything testifies in witnesses to Him.
- **Once people know that you and I are a Christian, if they see us trying to achieve a good end in an unrighteous way that does not look like Christ, they will spot that in a moment and not take our commitment to Christ or our message seriously at all.** The end must be right and the means must be right as well. It is even more important in this covenant, which has been purchased in the blood of Christ. The end and the means both have to glorify the Lord!
- **David now attempts to do a good thing in a wrong way.** He learns the lesson before the end of the chapter, and this is the lesson that we want to learn. We are all serving the Lord in a variety of different ways.
- **We are all hit with that constant pressure to compromise, to cut a corner.** Nobody will know! There are strategic times where the devil, the world, or the flesh will say, Take this shortcut right here, **By the grace of God if we hold strong in that area, resisting that strong temptation. Then for the rest of our life, we are glad that we did.** We can look back later and realize how much damage would have been done. The pressure to cut corners in the workplace and in relationships everywhere is just growing by the day. So, the lesson is very contemporary for us!
- **How free am I from worldly compromise? How strongly do I resist compromise in my Christian walk?**

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2Sa 6:1-2 Again David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand. [2] And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah (Kirjath Jearim) to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

- **The ark of God, (the Ark of the Covenant) represented the very presence of God,** David wants to bring the Ark of the Covenant from a private home in Kirjath Jearim, ten miles away, to Jerusalem. He wants to make God the center of Israel's national life.

2Sa 6:3 So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

- **Now, here David is doing the right thing in a wrong way.** When the Philistines returned the ark of the covenant to Israel because it had become a real burden to them. They brought that ark to Ekron, the people said, “Why do you hate us? Do not bring that thing here. We do not want it. It is a plague. It is a curse.”
- **The Philistines decided to send the ark of the covenant back to Israel,** they figured they could not live with this thing. They took the ark, set it on a cart, and had a couple of oxen pulling the cart. That is not God's prescribed way of transporting the ark of the covenant.
- **God told how the ark of the covenant was to be transported.** It was to be borne by priests on their shoulders. (*Num 4:5-6*) *When the camp prepares to journey, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of the Testimony with it. [6] Then they shall put on it a covering of badger skins, and spread over that a cloth entirely of blue; and they shall insert its poles. (*Num 7:9*) But to the sons of Kohath he gave none (no carts), because theirs was the service of the holy things, which they carried on their shoulders. It was to be covered so no man could look upon it and they were not to touch the ark of the covenant.*
- **Rather than searching the law of God and finding out** how the ark should be transported, they

just followed the worldly example of the Philistines.

- **It was borrowing from the world to do the work of God.** That was a great danger today in the church that seeks to borrow the method of the world to accomplish the purposes of God. So many times, we seek to borrow the Madison Avenue techniques for promoting the church, but it is a sign of weakness.
- **I believe that if the church will be what God wants the church to be.** God will still do for the church what He wants to do. As we gathered together to study the Word, as we gathered together to pray, as we gathered together to experience and to share the communion, the fellowship, the oneness in Christ, as we gathered together to break bread, the Lord will add to the church those that should be saved. You see, that is His job. Jesus said, “I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

2Sa 6:4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.

- **Apparently Ahio was** leading the oxen, and Uzzah was walking alongside the cart and the ark of God.

2Sa 6:5 Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the LORD on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

- **Just picture this in your mind.** Thirty thousand people and all of these instruments are playing. They are dancing. They are praising God They are worshiping God. They are having the time of their lives. We are bringing God back to the center of our national life!
- **David has to be thrilled as he looks at this whole thing!** This looks like it is going to be the greatest day of his life. This is a celebration that is worthy of God. We are getting back to God. Praise the *LORD*. Nobody could have accused Israel or David of being indifferent concerning the ark of God as Saul had been.

2Sa 6:6 And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

- **The location is unknown, probably close** to Jerusalem. Evidently they ran over a rock and the cart began to be shaken, so Uzzah put forth his hands to stabilize the ark of the covenant. Again, a direct violation of the law of God, no man was to touch it. (Num 4:15b) then the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them; but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These are the things in the tabernacle of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

2Sa 6:7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God.

- **In the midst of this gala celebration,** in the midst of the religious fervor and excitement, this fellow puts forth his hand, violating the law of God by touching the law of God. Up until this point, David did not have a deep respect for the ark of God. Certainly, by this experience, David realized how solemn was the worship of God, and how important it was to follow the plans that God has set! To do the right things the right way!

2Sa 6:8 And David became angry because of the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day.

- **He began to learn and respect the fear of the LORD,** Oh, that God would help us, to have a greater reverence, a greater respect, and a greater fear for God!
- **How we should cringe when people talk with that buddy kind of talk.** They start referring to God and this good buddy kind of language. We are talking about the holy, righteous Creator of the universe who dwells there surrounded by the cherubim who night and day cease not saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty which is, which was, and which is to come.” Be careful of disrespect!
- **David learned to respect God.** He was overwhelmed at this point of the awesomeness of God.
- **How is my fear of the LORD? My respect of Him? Does it even begin to compare to that of David's?**

2Sa 6:9 David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

- **He began to realize,** “Hey, I would better not dwell near this place. I am not too good of a guy, myself.” He was afraid of this thing. I do not want to get near it. This thing is dangerous.

- ***How can the ark of the LORD come to me?*** This is the key question for every parent, church, and ministry. How will God's glory fill my house, my family and my church?

2Sa 6:10-11 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. [11] The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

- David just found the closest house of a Levite and he just parked the ark there. "You guys take care of it; I can't handle this thing." God began to bless the house of Obed-Edom. When David received the reports, he realized the ark needed to be in Jerusalem.

2Sa 6:12-13 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. [13] And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

- Now in First Chronicles fifteen, the same event is recorded. We are told there that David had them search and find out how they would bring up the ark of the covenant. Before it is brought to Jerusalem the second time, he is not going to follow the method of the Philistines, but he is going to find out how God would have the ark moved, as he should have done the first time.
- Now he is doing the same thing, but this time he is **doing it the right way!** He is having the priests bear it by its poles on their shoulders. He is offering sacrifices. As soon as they started to move it, they moved it about thirty feet, then they offered sacrifices unto the LORD. As they brought it then into Jerusalem, into the tent, or the tabernacle that David had built, again they offered sacrifices before the LORD.

2Sa 6:14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

- This was a dance which sort of spinning and half circles. David was wearing a linen ephod. He had taken off his royal kingly garments. He had put on the garment of a slave, of a servant. He got out there with the common people, dressed as the common people in a linen garment, the garment of a slave. He danced there before the LORD showing the people that all of them were equal before God. I may be a king when I am before the people, but when I am before God, I am just like anybody else, David is declaring. We are all the same before God! God does not respect persons. (Act 10:34b) "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality."
- ***Do I really enjoy worshipping my Lord with all my might? Do I picture myself as being in a linen ephod, the gown of a servant or a slave?***

2Sa 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

- David is thoroughly enjoying himself! It is fun to watch people enjoying their worship of the Lord. He is *dancing with all his might, wearing the linen ephod!*

David and Michal

2Sa 6:16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

- David wrote one song for this occasion, given to us in (1Ch 16:8-36). It is also given to us in two Psalms. The first is in (Psa 105:1-15) Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! [2] Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! [3] Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! [4] Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore! [5] Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, [6] O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones! [7] He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. [8] He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, [9] The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, [10] And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant, [11] Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance," [12] When they were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it. [13] When they went from one nation to another; From one kingdom to another people, [14] He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes, [15] Saying, "Do not touch My

anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm.

- **The rest of the song is in (Psa 96:1-13)** *Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. [2] Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.[3] Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. [4] For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. [5] For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. [6] Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. [7] Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. [8] Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. [9] Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. [10] Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously." [11] Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; [12] Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD. [13] For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.*

2Sa 6:17 *So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.*

- Those burnt offerings speak of the person of Christ. The peace offerings speak of the peace that He made by the blood of His cross and of the relationship—the wonderful relationship—which was between God and David.
- The important thing to see in this chapter is David's relationship with God. Here is a man who is in love with his God. He is rightly related to Him and thrilled to be able to serve Him. Oh, that you and I might have the same joy of the Lord in our lives!
- **How frequently am I telling Him, showing Him, how much that I love Him? How He deserves our love and adoration!**

2Sa 6:18 *And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.*

- Notice David blessed the LORD first before he blessed the people! That is important that we bless Him first, then we can bless others!
- David gave them a benediction, a “God bless you, hasn't this been great?”

2Sa 6:19 *Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.*

- What an exciting, glorious day! The ark of the covenant is resting in the tabernacle! Everyone is celebrating! They have been singing! They have been rejoicing on a spiritual high! You know, you are just really “Nothing can touch me now.” You know, “Boy!” It's so victorious you know, you feel like Satan cannot touch it.
- What David is saying in giving the people all of this food is not to stop this celebration now. Let us take the afterglow of this great, great day in our history. Let's take it into our homes, into our families and continue the celebration there!

2Sa 6:20 *Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"*

- David in this spiritual high, this ecstasy, goes home now to bless his family. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David before he could get to the rest of the family and she said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"
- “Didn't you look cute out there?” You know, linen robe of all things. What a disgrace, David! Not being legal and kingly and wearing your royal garments. Didn't you look cute?” David thought nothing could touch him!
- You know sometimes I sort of fear those special mountain top experiences because you know that Satan is going to pounce! There is a valley coming, and it is so often when you are in a spiritual high, that Satan will hit you in the solar plexus and just knock all of the air out of you. It is almost straight down from this high to a low, as Satan lays his heavy trip on you. How sad!

- **David turned to Michal and it is interesting how cutting words breed cutting words.** If you take out the sword, your tongue and begin to cut with it. You will find that the other person will take out their swords and begin to cut back. Cutting words breed cutting words.
- **Michal takes and scorns David!** No one likes to be scorned. I do know that men do not like to be scorned. They do not like to be disrespected! There is hardly a thing that a wife can do that is more damaging in a marriage relationship than to disrespect or mock her husband in this way, and especially in his relationship with the LORD.
- **The Bible gives us two commandments in terms of our marriage relationship.** The husband is given one command, which is that **he is to love his wife as Christ loved the church.** The wife is then told that she is to respect her husband, to show him respect. God gives those two commands because He knows what each one of the sexes needs! A woman responds to love! She needs love from her husband. But a husband needs the respect of his wife!
- **Here Michal does about the world's worst thing, making David feel like a fool;** especially in the area of His worshipping the LORD, where he is most vulnerable. Nothing was as important to David as his relationship with the LORD!
- **How faithful am I in “in blessing my household” in what God has done for me?** In sharing the blessings of my wife, as she shares them with me. Do I cause the “Michal” effect of ruining what God has done in others? Am I a loving and respecting husband to my wife?

2Sa 6:21 *So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who Israel chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over. Therefore I will play music before the LORD."*

- So, David said to her, **“It was before the LORD!”** I was not doing it before the people. I was doing it before the Lord who chose me above your dad and his household.

2Sa 6:22 *And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."*

- *I will be even more vile than this, and will be base in my own sight: and those maiden servant girls that you were talking about, I shall be had by them in honor.*
- **Notice how that David in his worship of the LORD was more interested in pleasing Him rather than man! Am I?**

2Sa 6:23 *Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.*

- **Quite a price for Michal to pay!** Because she despised passionate worship and simple expressions of praise, she would have no children. She would bear no fruit. It was a shame in that culture not to bear children.

Chapter Seven - The LORD's Covenant with David

- **God's covenant with David makes this one of the great chapters of the Bible.** From this point on the message of the Bible rests upon this promise that God makes to David. The New Testament opens with: *(Mat 1:1a) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David.* That is important because the promises God made to David are to be fulfilled in prophecy. David understood that a King was coming in his line who would be more than a man.

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,*

- **Now the ark of the covenant is there** in Jerusalem in the tent that David had prepared. The enemies have been subdued; David has been prosperous!

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

- **David was expressing to Nathan his desire to build the temple.** “Here I am dwelling in this beautiful cedar palace. God’s ark is dwelling in a tent. I am going to build a house for God, the house for the people to worship God, a house in which, to keep the ark of the covenant.”
- **Nathan without inquiring of the LORD,** said, “Oh, splendid, David, Do all that is in your heart. God is with you.”

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

- **That night the LORD awakened Nathan** and said, “Nathan, you blew it. You encouraged David

to build My house. That cannot happen. David's hands are bloody. This guy has killed too many people. I am the God of peace. It would not be consistent to have David to build Me a house. I cannot allow him to do it. You are going to have to go back and give David the sad news that he cannot build a house for Me.

- **But you tell David My servant, that I will build him a house! I will establish his kingdom!**
So, Nathan came back to David with a message. "David, God took you from following sheep to be a ruler over My people. You had a humble beginning, David, God made you king!"

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

- All of the judges and all of those that God raised up to rule over the people never received a command for them to build a house, a house of cedar.

2Sa 7:8-9 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. [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.

- In the Bible David ranks as one of the greatest men who has lived on this earth. Compare David with any man who has ever ruled, and he is outstanding.

2Sa 7:10-11 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, [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.

- Sometimes God reminds us of our past. We were nothing, and yet God chose us to reign as kings and priests with Him forever. I took you from following the sheep. I made you the king over My people, over Israel. I was with you wherever you went. God reminds them how He was present with David. I cut off all of your enemies. I have made your name great, past, and future.

2Sa 7:12-13 "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. [13] He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever (8x in this chapter).

- When your days are fulfilled and you sleep, I will allow your son to sit upon the throne, establish the kingdom with him and he will build a house.

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.

- Verse fourteen shows us how that God deals with His children. He brings chastisement into the lives of His children whom the LORD loved, He chastens, but the chastening of the LORD is always remedial. It is always for correction, whereas the chastening of the LORD upon the wicked is always punishment. (**Heb 12:6**) FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."
- **God punishes us to remedy, to correct problems in our lives.** God punishes the wicked to punish them for what they have done. So, God declares that His mercies will not be departed. When he does wrong, I will take care of him, I will chastise him. I will bring this upon him. There will be the chastisement.
- **God chastises us as His children.** Really when you are chastened of the LORD, you should rejoice! Because it proves you are a child of God. If you were not a child of God, He would not chasten you. My son despise not the chastening of the LORD whom the LORD loves He chastens. (**Heb 12:5**) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM.

2Sa 7:15-16 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever!"

- **David rightly interpreted 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, Your kingdom shall be established forever, that is through Jesus Christ; and Your throne shall be established forever! That was fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

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 (12x in prayer); and he said: "Who am I, O Lord GOD (14x in prayer)? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?

- **Yes, You have made me king.** You have given me this beautiful palace. You have blessed me with victories over my enemies. You have given me fame, glory, and honor! "*Who am I, O Lord, God?*" that You should do this for me? David acknowledges his humble beginnings. He acknowledges the goodness and the grace of God that had been showered upon him!

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?

- **This is really nothing, LORD compared** to what You have promised that You are going to do! 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 bestow His glory, His honor, His power, His riches upon them! God chooses the poor, the weak upon which to bestow His grace and glory, just to confound the wise of the world.

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

- **David says, "Lord, I cannot say anything more!** You just have to know. You read my heart. You know what I feel inside. 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!
- **How frequently do I just sit alone with my Lord and count the blessings that He has given me? Do I find myself praising Him and thanking Him above words?**

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, You did not do it for my sake, for the fact that I was worthy**, that 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 is why God chooses unlikely people to do His work in order that the glory may be to God, and not of us! God does things that are almost ludicrous.
- **Paul said, (2Co 4:7) But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.** Now, if you owned the Hope diamond. Where would you keep it, a thing that is large and that is expensive? You would keep it in a gold box lined with velvet in a vault in some bank, some place!
- **How about God's glorious treasure, where does He put it?** In these clay pots, earthen vessels. That the glory may be to God and to none of us! He puts this glorious treasure, the gospel of Christ, in earthen vessels, so that we do not draw attention to ourselves! People see the work, and they say, "Only God could do that!" That is what He wants! He wants people to give glory to His work! So, David acknowledges that!

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.

- **LORD, You are it!** You are great!
- **David said, "You are the only God. There is no other."** God said that about Himself to the false prophets in (Isa 45:5,6) I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,[6] That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- **As we approach the end times, we see the whole thing is setting the stage** for the Antichrist to come soon upon the scene and declare to the people that "I am God. Worship Me as God." It has been a part of the Hindu religion. It is something that is not going to go away. It is going to develop and continue until it will center in the Antichrist, himself, but this is all preparatory. David said, "Only You are God! There is no other!"

2Sa 7:23-24 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? [24] For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.

- Notice this! God has confirmed to Himself the people of Israel to be a people unto Him forever. There are those today who are 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. And the church is Israel. They take all of those promises that relate to Israel, applying them to the church, but in the same token they take all of the things of judgment that are come upon Israel before God restores His unfaithful bride.
- They apply those to the church and thus they put the church in the Great Tribulation. That is the error that they make those and say that "The church is going through the Great Tribulation. Have to also set Israel aside, saying, "God is through with Israel. It is all over for Israel. They had their chance and opportunity, and now Israel has replaced the church. Then they make the application of the passages of the Scripture that refer to Israel to refer to the church, twisting and ending up with the church in the Great Tribulation. It is not good biblical exegesis because God confirmed to Israel to be His people, Israel forever.

2Sa 7:25-26 "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. [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.

- God said to David, "I have made your name great.

2Sa 7:27-28 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. [28] "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.

- O LORD, I am wiped out! You said You are going to build my house, I cannot. Oh, LORD, glory."

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."

- So, Lord GOD, do what You said. You are going to do. 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.
- **As I think through David's heart here in the prayer of gratitude, vs. 18-29, What similarities are there in my heart to his, regarding my gratitude to Him for what He has done for me? Forever?**

SUMMARY

- **How free am I from worldly compromise? How strongly do I resist compromise in my Christian walk?**
- **How is my fear of the LORD? My respect of Him? Does it even begin to compare to that of David's? (2Sa 6:8)**
- **Do I really enjoy worshipping my Lord with all my might? Do I picture myself as being in a linen ephod, the gown of a servant or a slave? (2Sa 6:14)**
- **How frequently am I telling Him, showing Him, how much that I love Him? How He deserves our love and adoration! (2Sa 6:17)**
- **Notice how that David in his worship of the LORD was more interested in pleasing Him rather than man! Am I? (2Sa 6:22)**
- **How frequently do I just sit alone with my Lord and count the blessings that He has given me? Do I find myself praising Him and thanking Him above words? (2Sa 7:20)**
- **As I think through David's heart here in the prayer of gratitude, vs. 18-29, What similarities are there in my heart to his, regarding my gratitude to Him for what He has done for me? Forever? (2Sa 7:29)**

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HOW GREAT THOU ART – Stuart Hine, Shea (2.45/2:48)

***Oh 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***

(Refrain): Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great thou art! How great Thou art!

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***When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)***

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 2 Samuel, Chapters 8-10!