

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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God’s Covenant with David

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.*

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? [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? [20] Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. [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. [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. [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? [24] For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God. [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. [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. [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. [28] "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. [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.*

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 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!
- **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!

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!
- **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!
- **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.
- **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!
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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 is going to develop and continue until it will center in the Antichrist, himself, but this is all preparatory.

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!

2Sa 7:25-28 "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. [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. [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:

- David wanted to do something great for God and God did something far greater for him!
- 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 praises the Lord! If I cannot do it, I am going to do whatever I can to see that it gets done!
- How grateful am I, are we, that God faithfully always gives us more than we ask? Our God reigns!