

THE POSTURE OF A **GRATEFUL HEART**

(2 Samuel 7:18-29)

1. We are not to proclaim 'LOOK at ME', but humbly ask, 'WHO am I?' (v.18; Psalm 8:4, 144:3; Romans 12:3; James 4:6,10; Micah 6:8; Proverbs 11:2, 16:5, 16:18; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 2 Corinthians 10:17-18; 1 Corinthians 1:27-29)
2. May we proclaim God's goodness and live in AWE of Him. (vv.19-20, 22; Psalm 22:23, 33:8; Exodus 15:11; Hebrews 12:28-29; Revelation 4:11; Genesis 18:14; Luke 1:37; Ephesians 3:20; Job 38)
3. Great things happen as a result of God's PROMISES, not my productions. (v.21; 2 Peter 1:4; 2 Corinthians 1:20; 2 Peter 3:9; Psalm 84:11; Hebrews 10:23; Zechariah 4:6; Proverbs 3:5; Titus 3:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. Recognize the PRIVILEGES we have as children of God. (vv.23-24; Romans 5:1-2; Galatians 4:4-6; Psalm 103:2-5; John 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 2:9; John 14:27; 1 Peter 2:4-8)
5. May we long to see all of God's promises COME TO PASS. (vv.25-26; Isaiah 55:11; Psalm 73:25, 119:20; Matthew 6:9-10, 26:39)
6. We can have BOLDNESS in prayer because of the truth God has revealed to us. (v.27; Hebrews 4:16; Mark 11:24; 1 John 5:14; Philippians 4:6; Ephesians 3:12; Luke 18:1)
7. In all I do, may I see myself as a SERVANT of God. (vv.19,20,21,25-29; John 12:26; Mark 9:35, 10:45; Philippians 1:1, 2:5-7; Matthew 23:11; Colossians 3:23-24; Galatians 1:10; Psalm 119:125; Romans 1:1)
8. Don't be hesitant to RECEIVE all God has for me. (vv.28-29; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 9:8-10; Philippians 4:19; John 16:24; Luke 6:38)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. When David heard God's blessings and promises, his response was to go into the tabernacle area and simply sit before the Lord in awe (verse 18). Why is it important to have moments where we just sit quietly before the Lord? What might we expect during these times?
3. David's prayer / meditation included his rehearsal of Israel's privileges of being God's special people (verses 23-24). Talk about one or two 'privileges' you appreciate the most about being a child of God. How do these privileges impact your daily life? How might you be able to communicate or share these privileges with others?
4. Ten times in our key verses, David refers to himself as a servant of God. How are we maintain the perspective of living with a servant's heart? What things jeopardize this kind of outlook and lifestyle?
5. We can glean from David's prayer that he grasped all these blessings and promises from God was all about God's goodness - not his own goodness or merit. This realization enabled David to sit (and receive) instead of STRIVE and DO. Why might we be more prone to strive / work hard / DO - and less motivated to sit / receive / just 'be'??