

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



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The Promise

2 Samuel 7

Main Idea:

God's promise to send the Savior is first glimpsed in Genesis 3:15. Then, in His calling of Abraham, and in the covenant He made with him, redemption's plan begins to come more clearly into focus. It is in God's promise to David, however, where the coming of Christ is most clearly seen. As the angel Gabriel would tell Mary almost a millennia later:

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Outline:

- 1) David's Aspiration (v.v. 1 - 3)
- 2) God's Answer (v.v. 4 – 7)
- 3) God's Announcement (v.v. 8 – 17): 5 promises to David
 - 3 fulfilled during David's lifetime
 - A great name for David
 - A “place” for Israel secured
 - Rest from David's enemies
 - 2 fulfilled, ultimately, after David's death
 - A dynasty
 - A special heir/eternal king
- 4) David's Acceptance and Worship (v.v. 18-29)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 Genesis 3:15 is often referred to as the first prophecy of the Gospel. Why?

#2 How does the covenant God made with David correspond to His covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:2, 15)?

#3 Read 2 Samuel 7:12-13. According to the message, what is the significance of God's promise to "raise up" David's descendant, the kingdom of Whom He would establish forever?

Reflecting on Acts 2:29-32, do you think that David understood the promise given to Him in 2 Samuel 7:12?

#4 Read Luke 1:31-33. How certain can one be that Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the promise God made to David?

#5 According to 2 Samuel 7:24, what is the duration of God's promises to Israel?

#6 How important is the accurate understanding of God's word to authentic worship?