

David: Life Lessons

Week 7 – The Lord Builds the House
(2 Samuel 7:1-17)

OPENING QUESTION

When you have a good desire or plan, are you willing to submit it to God's will and trust that **His purposes are greater than yours?**

KEY VERSE

*“The LORD declares to you:
The LORD himself will make a house for you.”
-2 Samuel 7:11*

THE STORY UNFOLDS

1. David desires to **build a house for the Lord.**
(2 Samuel 7:1-3)

David **lives in a house of cedar**, while the ark of God **remains inside tent curtains.**

Nathan immediately approves David's plan: “Go and do all that is on your mind, for the LORD is with you.” But Nathan should not have concluded that a good idea is God's will.

Lesson: A good desire must still **be submitted to God's will.**

2. The Lord tells David that **he will not build the house.**
(2 Samuel 7:4–7, see also 1 Chronicles 22:7-10; 28:3)

God reminds David that He had never commanded Israel to **build Him a house of cedar.**

Lesson: God does not need **our plans**; we need **His purposes.**

3. The Lord reminds David who built David's life. (2 Samuel 7:8-11)

“I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, to be ruler over my people Israel.”

God took **the shepherd**, preserved **the fugitive**, defeated **his enemies**, and established **the king.**

Life Lesson: Before we think about what **we will do for God**, we should remember what **God has already done for us.**

4. The Lord promises to **build David a house.** (2 Samuel 7:11-16)

“The LORD himself will make a house for you.”

David wanted to build God a temple. God promised to build David a dynasty.

“I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

David’s descendants would not individually live forever, but God promised an enduring house, kingdom, and throne that would ultimately find its fulfillment in Christ.

Life Lesson: God’s plans are often far greater than the good plans we bring to Him.

5. God’s promise reaches beyond David. (2 Samuel 7:17)

David would not build the temple, but God would continue His covenant purposes through David’s house and kingdom.

Life Lesson: God’s “no” may be part of a greater “yes” in His redemptive purpose.

THE MAIN IDEA

What is true?

The Lord accomplishes purposes far greater than the plans we bring to Him. David wanted to build God a house of cedar. God promised David a house that would ultimately lead to Jesus Christ.

What should we do?

Submit our plans to the Lord, remember His grace, and trust His greater purposes when His answer is different from ours.

Main Idea:

The Lord builds according to His greater purposes; we must submit our plans to Him and trust what He chooses to accomplish through us.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

David died. Solomon died. Every earthly king in David’s line died. But God’s promise did not fail. Jesus Christ is the greater Son of David, the promised King whose kingdom will never end.

APPLICATION

1. Submit your good plans to God. A good desire is not necessarily God’s assignment for you. Bring your plans before the Lord with open hands and be willing to follow His will instead of your own.
2. Measure success by faithfulness, not by getting your way. Faithfulness means doing what God gives you to do, even when it is different from what you hoped to do.
3. Trust God when His answer is bigger than your plan. When God redirects your plans, trust that He sees what you cannot see and that His purposes are greater than ours.