

## David

### Part 16

#### 2 Samuel 7 NIV

**1** After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, **2** he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

**3** Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.”

- The Chapter begins with the expression that David and Israel had come to a place of rest from all their enemies and now David comfortably in his palace.
- The following Chapter (Chapter 8) actually outlines all the enemies that David lead Israel in victory over. Some believe that these are the enemies spoken of in beginning of Chapter 7.
- David is now established as King, The Ark of the Covenant is placed in the City of David, Israel is victorious over their enemies, David has a comfortable home and senses something is missing...
- Perhaps the Holy Spirit inside of David is allowing him to see beforehand what God has purposed to do in time...
- David becomes eager to get started and learns a powerful lesson... God intends that everything be done at the right time, in the right way, by the right people...
- Initially, all this even seemed right to Nathan the Prophet when he says in

**Vs. 3** Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.”

## **Vs. 4-7**

**4** But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

**5** “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? **6** I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

**7** Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?””

- Nathan’s initial response to David was presumptuous, even though well intended. He answered according to human judgment and common sense, but before he heard the word of the LORD.

*“It is of the utmost importance that we should ever test our desires, even the highest and holiest of them, by His will. (Morgan)”*

- I love this account because it shows the humanness of great men in the Bible... I can relate to the dealings of God after the fact... How many times I have wrestled in bed or in a quiet ride home when my heart was silenced before God and he began to redirect my thinking...
- Oh it is so good to learn to separate the sound of our own soul from the voice of the Holy Spirit. Just because it seems good doesn’t mean that it is God.
- There are times when we with good intentions miss what we were sure God would have wanted us to do...

## **Acts 16**

**6** Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. **7** When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. **8** So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. **9** During

the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10** After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

- It’s hard to believe but the Apostle Paul was actually forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel in Asia...
- Did Paul ever preach in Asia? Yes, later on his third missionary journey.
- Sometimes it’s not as simple as yes or no. For Paul it was a matter of timing.
- The same is true of the Temple... It was not as simple as yes or no... It’s a matter of when, who will build it, and how will it be built...

Vs. 5 here reads a little different in the NKJV...

### **Vs. 5 NKJV**

“Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?”

- God seemed honored and “surprised” that David offered to build Him a house. It was as if God said to David, “You want to build Me a house? No one ever offered to do that before.”
- It makes sense that God could have been flattered by David’s desire; He has never asked or spoken to David about this and now David has it in his heart to do this for God.
- While most find it difficult to give to God what he asks of them, David seems to go beyond to the place of looking to do more than God than he even asks...
- Isn’t this the heart that God loves?

## **2 Corinthians 9:6,7**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

God loves a cheerful giver...

If there is a chapter in the Bible that demonstrates how David loved God and how God loved David. This has to be it...

- Because of this, God responds to David's heart, making David a promise.

## **Vs. 8-17**

**8** “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. **9** I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. **10** And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning **11** and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: **12** When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings

inflicted by human hands. **15** But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. **16** Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”

**17** Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

**This is a powerful passage of scripture:**

**God unfolds the entire plan he has for David from start to finish.**

**1. He reminds David I have been with you**

**8** “...This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel.  
**9** I have been with you wherever you have gone...

**2. He reminds David I am with you now**

**9b** “...I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.”

**3. God reassures David, He will continue his purpose over Israel**

**10** And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed.

**4. God tells David, He will continue his favor over David forever**

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**16** Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”

This is later spoke of in:

### **Jeremiah 23:5-6**

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.... Now this is His name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder.... Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it...from that time forward, even forever.

### **Luke 1:31-33 (The Angel to Mary)**

**31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

### **David's Prayer**

#### **Vs. 18-29**

**18** Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said:

"Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? **19** And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign Lord, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign Lord, is for a mere human!

**20** "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign Lord. **21** For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

**22** “How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. **23** And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? **24** You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, Lord, have become their God.

**25** “And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, **26** so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

**27** “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. **28** Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. **29** Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

- David’s attitude wasn’t, “I am so great that God gives me gifts.” His attitude was, “God is so great that He gives even me gifts.”
- May that same heart be in us; We should receive salvation and every blessing with the same attitude. God’s giving reflects the greatness of the Giver, not the receiver.

### **Vs. 27**

“Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.

## **1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV**

**9** But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,  
Nor have entered into the heart of man  
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

- David’s prayer reflects a heart that is in awe and wonder of God.
- David’s attitude is humble and submissive.
- Because God has revealed his heart towards David, David’s heart is filled with courage to pray...
- If each person only knew what God had purposed in his heart I believe we would also have courage to pray even more earnestly. We would also be in awe and wonder, with hearts of humility and submission to God.

Closing: