

CREATE A CLEAN HEART FOR ME
UNIT 11 • SESSION 3

DAVID THE FAITHFUL KING

MAIN POINT

Jesus will reign as King forever.

2 SAMUEL 7:1-7 • DAVID SEEKS TO MAKE A HOUSE FOR GOD

1 Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, **2** the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” **3** And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” **4** But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, **5** “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? **6** I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. **7** In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?””

2 SAMUEL 7:8-16 • DAVID IS PROMISED A HOUSE FROM GOD

8 “Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. **9** And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. . . . “The LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. **12** When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, **15** but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. **16** And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

2 SAMUEL 7:18-24 • DAVID EXALTS THE GRACE OF GOD

18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? **19** And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! . . . there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. **23** And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things . . . You established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God.

1. DAVID SEEKS TO MAKE A HOUSE FOR GOD

READ 2 SAMUEL 7:1-7

WHAT DID DAVID WANT TO DO FOR GOD AND WHY?

HOW DID GOD RESPOND TO DAVID'S IDEA?

2. DAVID IS PROMISED A HOUSE FROM GOD

READ 2 SAMUEL 7:8-16

HOW DO VERSES 12-15 APPLY TO SOLOMON AND THE KINGS THAT CAME AFTER HIM?



BIG QUESTION

COULD ONE MAN HAVE FULFILLED PROPHECIES BY CHANCE?

The odds of one man fulfilling 15 prophecies was between $1/10^{80}$ and $1/10^{62.5}$. "A random chance of 1 in 10^{50} or less is considered to be scientifically impossible . . . it would have been scientifically impossible for Jesus of Nazareth to fulfill these 15 prophecies by random chance. There are over 300 references to the Messiah in the O.T. that were fulfilled by Jesus . . . Forty-eight of the key prophecies were selected and the probability of one person fulfilling all 48 was calculated to be 1 chance out of 13 trillion . . . it is mathematically impossible that one person could fulfill all of these prophecies by chance. The mathematics point to the fact that someone had to guide history over the last 4000 years. God as revealed in the Bible is the only logical choice."

HOW DOES JESUS FULFILL THE PROMISES TO DAVID IN THESE VERSES?

3. DAVID EXALTS THE GRACE OF GOD

READ 2 SAMUEL 7:18-24

WHAT WAS DAVID'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S PROMISE?

HOW SHOULD GOD'S GRACE OVERWHELM US WITH GRATITUDE?



ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE

GOD IS FAITHFUL

God's faithfulness means He keeps His word and always fulfills His promises (see 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Tim. 2:13; 1 Pet. 4:19). God's faithfulness is demonstrated in His fulfillment of the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The apostle Paul linked the attribute of "faithful" to God's coming through on His word: "He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it" (1 Thess. 5:24). We reflect God by keeping the promises we make to Him and to others.

HEAD



WHAT IS SOMETHING "ON YOUR MIND"
(2 SAM. 7:3) TO DO FOR THE LORD?

HEART



WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR YOU THAT
YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR?

HANDS



HOW SHOULD CHRIST'S ETERNAL
KINGDOM MOTIVATE OBEDIENCE TO HIM
IN THE PRESENT?



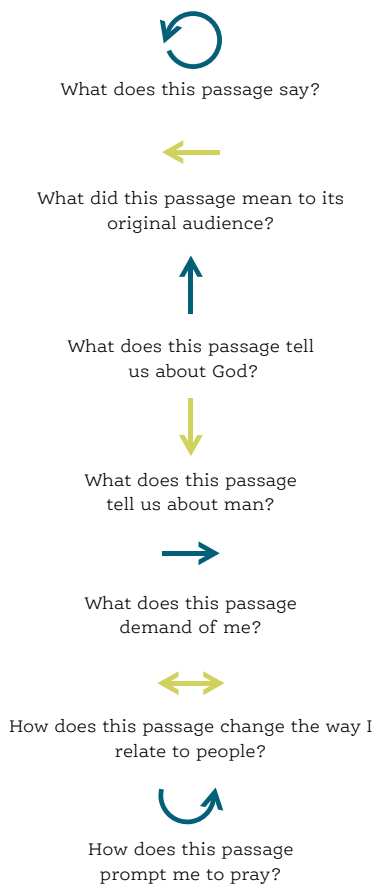
CHRIST CONNECTION

God promised David that future kings of Israel would come from his family and that his kingdom would endure forever. God fulfilled this promise by sending Jesus as one of David's descendants. All of history is driving toward the day when Jesus, the Son of David, will be recognized as the King whose kingdom is without end.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



DAY 01

1 SAMUEL 19:1-20:42

Jonathan knew David was God's king for Israel and was convinced that God would save him and destroy his enemies—the greatest of which was Jonathan's own father! His loyalty is a great example of Jesus's words in the Gospels when he told his disciples, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). Jonathan's love for David looked like hatred toward his own father, but he loved David more than his own life. May we all have the same kind of allegiance to King Jesus.

HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST?

WHAT COMPETES FOR YOUR LOYALTY TO JESUS?

WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE JESUS YOUR ALLEGIANCE?

DAY 02

1 SAMUEL 24:1-22

HOW HAVE YOU STRUGGLED WITH THE DESIRE TO “GET EVEN”?

HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS?

WHO CAN YOU SHOW MERCY TO TODAY?

David had a perfect opportunity to destroy his enemy and save his own life, but he didn't take it. Instead, David showed mercy for the man who was seeking to kill him. He said, “May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you” (v. 12). You don't have to be against those who are against you. You can show compassion and mercy. Leave the vengeance to God and decide today that your hand “will never be against” your neighbor, even those who are determined to be against you.

DAY 03

2 SAMUEL 6:1-21

Worship is to and for God. When the ark of the covenant was brought to Jerusalem, King David danced and celebrated before the Lord. When we have joy in God, it cannot stay hidden. It will express itself through praise. But everyone wasn't like David. Michal, his wife, failed to worship God because she was too caught up in what David was doing. When it is time to praise the Lord, don't get preoccupied with others. Focus on Him and praise Him as if for an audience of One.

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN DISTRACTED BY OTHERS DURING WORSHIP?

HOW CAN YOU FOCUS ON GOD MORE DURING WORSHIP?

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR PRAISE TO GOD?

DAY 04

2 SAMUEL 7:1-17

HOW HAVE YOU BROKEN YOUR WORD?

WHY IS IT COMFORTING THAT GOD DOES NOT BREAK HIS WORD?

WHAT IS A PROMISE FROM GOD THAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR?

God keeps His word. When we look throughout the Scriptures, we find God making promises to people like King David. God fulfilled His promise through Jesus. David did not live to see it, but God would establish a temple through his son, Solomon, and establish David's throne forever through David's son, Jesus. God's timing is not always what we might hope or imagine. But God always comes through. You can trust him today and forever.

DAY 05

2 SAMUEL 7:18-24

David gives us a great example for how to pray. He was humble. He didn't speak to God with a spirit of entitlement. And yet, David was also bold. He asked God to fulfill His promise and spoke with courage. He wasn't too afraid to ask God to do something big. Humble yourself before God and pray bold prayers. You can and should do both, today and every day.

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO PRAY WITH HUMILITY?

HOW CAN YOU PRAY WITH MORE BOLDNESS?

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU NEED TO COMMIT TO GOD IN PRAYER?