

## 2 Samuel 7: Eternal Legacy

### 2 Samuel 6 Review:

- **Holiness:** (Set apart, reverence, purity) Judgment, Cleansing, Fear, Renewal

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1Now it came about when the king **lived in his house**, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,<sup>2</sup> that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, **but the ark of God** dwells within tent curtains."

- **King of Tyre:** Cedar logs, carpenters, stone masons
- **No Temple:** Portable tent; David wants to build a temple
- When God blesses us, we bless God/others

**1 John 4:8** The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, **not that we loved God**, but that **He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- **Motivation** is love: **1 John 4: 19** We love, because He first loved us.
- David's desire was a response to God's love (rest)

<sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "**Go, do all that is in your mind**, for the LORD is with you."

- Think, pray, before speaking "thus says the Lord"

**Deuteronomy 18:20** (Read) 'But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, **that prophet shall die.**'

- Nathan does not cross that line. God has another plan

<sup>4</sup>But in the same night the **word of the LORD** came to Nathan saying...<sup>5</sup>"Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>"For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from

Egypt, even to this day; but I have been **moving about in a tent**, even in a tabernacle. 7"Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"

- After leaving Egypt, God would meet with man at the arc, inside the tent...but

**Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the LORD," Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

- David wanted to bless God; God's gentleness is evident`

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, to be ruler over My people Israel. 9"**I have been with you wherever you have gone** and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and **I will make you a great name**, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.

- I have been with you "**wherever you have gone...**"
- Pasture, Goliath, Leader of men, Saul, Jonathan, Philistines, king of Israel...wherever!
- **(1) Great name.** (As great as any alive presently)

10"I will also appoint a place for **My people Israel** and will plant them, that they may live **in their own place** and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, 11even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

- **(2)** I have prepared a place for your brothers
- God knew David's love for his people

**Romans 9:3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ **for the sake of my brethren**, my kinsmen according to the flesh...

11b The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will **make a house for you**. 12"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your **descendant** [singular] after you, who will come forth from you, 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.

- **(3) Kingdom forever!** Jesus Christ

**Isaiah: 9: 6** (Read) For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the **throne of David** and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore

**Isaiah: 16:5** (Read) A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the **tent of David;**

- **David's line:** Good/Bad kings... Last King: Zedekiah 606 B.C.
- Kings line through Joseph, bloodline through Mary to baby Jesus, but...
- Will physically reign as the King of Kings in Jerusalem on the Throne of David

**Zechariah 8:20** (Read) "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. 21'The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go." 22'So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to **entreat the favor of the LORD.**' 23"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, "Let us go with you, for **we have heard that God is with you.**"'"

- David must be enthralled listening to the LORD's plan

**Jeremiah 29:11** (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "**plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

- Next, a dual prophesy of Jesus and David descendants

14"I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, 15but My lovingkindness shall not depart from

him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.  
16"Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever;  
your throne shall be established forever." 17In accordance with all  
these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

- Saul's kingdom was taken, yours **will never end!**
- Disobedience will be dealt with (bad kings)
- Even so, your kingdom will never end; David is overwhelmed

18Then David the king went in and **sat before the LORD**, and he  
said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that You have  
brought me this far? 19"And yet this was insignificant in Your eyes, O  
Lord GOD, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant  
concerning the distant future And this is the custom of man, O Lord  
GOD. 20"Again what more can David say to You? For You know Your  
servant, O Lord GOD!

**Psalms 144:3** (David) O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge  
of him? Or the son of man, that You think of him? 4Man is like a mere  
breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

**Psalms 103:14** (David) For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful  
that we are but dust.

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that  
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- He knows us and still loves us

21"For the sake of Your word, and according to Your own heart, You  
have done all this greatness to let Your servant know. 22"For this  
reason You are great, O Lord GOD; for there is none like You, and  
there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with  
our ears. 23"And what one nation on the earth is like Your people  
Israel, whom God went to **redeem for Himself as a people and to  
make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for You** and  
awesome things for Your land, before Your people whom You have  
redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, from nations and their gods? 24"For  
You have established for Yourself Your people Israel as Your own  
people forever, and You, O LORD, have become their God.

- Redeemed to do! Purposed to serve God and others

25"Now therefore, O LORD God, **the word** that You have spoken

concerning Your servant and his house, **confirm it forever**, and do as You have spoken, 26that Your name may be magnified forever, by saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel'; and may the house of Your servant David be established before You. 27"For You, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made a revelation to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore Your servant has **found courage to pray this prayer to You.**

- Claiming God's promises based on His Word and Faithfulness

28"Now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and **Your words are truth**, and You have **promised this good thing** to Your servant. 29"Now therefore, may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You. For You, O Lord GOD, have spoken; and with Your blessing may the house of Your servant be blessed forever."

**CONCLUSION:** Why David did not build the temple

**1 Chronicles 22:6** (Read) Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel. 7David said to Solomon, "My son, I had intended to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. 8"But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed **much blood and have waged great wars**; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me.

- David's son Solomon would build the temple...**why?**
- Busy with wars or defiled by war and bloodshed or both (contrast Kings with Chronicles) whatever the case...
- David knew his sin... "my sin is **ever before me**" (Psalm 51)
- He knew and trusted the One who saves sinners

**Psalm 23:1** (Read) The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2He makes me lie down in green pastures; **He leads me** beside quiet waters. **3He restores** my soul; **He guides** me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for **You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they **comfort me**. 5You **prepare a table** before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And **I will dwell in the house of the LORD** forever. [He, His, You, Your]

David knew his inadequacy **and trusted God anyway**