

Rise & Reign

The King's Promise

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Ben Rodriguez's Teaching Notes

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Introduction:

- **GEORGE Mueller of England was one of the great men of faith. He had an orphanage and ran the orphanage day by day, depending on God. Once, they ran out of food. He set the table, and brought the kids around, although there was no food there. The kids glanced at each other perplexed and then one spoke up, reminding Mr. Mueller that there was no food on the table. Mr. Mueller answered that he realized that, but that they should give thanks anyway. He prayed and thanked the Lord for His promise to give them their daily bread and to meet their need. He prayed and reminded the Lord that he was busy doing His business and that the children were hungry. At the conclusion of his prayer, there was a knock on the door. The baker up the street stood there and said that he felt led to bring his leftovers to the orphanage, as they had not sold all they had baked for the day.**
- Saul had died....David had become King...He had defeated his enemies...One of his first acts as king over all Israel was to bring the ark of the covenant and tabernacle to Jerusalem. It is while looking at the tent where God's ark was that David had the idea to build a house, a temple, for God.

1. David's Desire 7:1-3

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- He notices he lives in a great house, while the ark is in a tent.
- His desire to glorify God meant he wanted to build a temple to honor God.
- He was walking right, so he wanted to worship right

2. God's Answer 7:4-17

But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"' Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."'"

According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

- God brought up the past
 - God reminded David He had never requested a "house", like the other gods, from His people.
 - God reminded David of how far He's brought him.
- God spoke of the Future
 - God promised David to build him a dynasty, and that his son would build the temple.
 - That promise is known as the Davidic covenant. It is one of the most important promises of the Bible. Because that promise would lead to Jesus.

- God answered no
 - God sweetly said no with no explanation.
 - the explanation would be given years later in 1 Chronicles 22
 - God can say no as an answer, not all my desires are God's will. I can be off sometimes.

3. David's Response 7:18-29

Then King David 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? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord God? Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord God, know Your servant. For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them. Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Lord, have become their God.

"Now, O Lord God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said. So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

"And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord God, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever."

- David responded with Praise for God's Promise
 - David worshiped and gave thanks for he realized what God was saying.
 - David reminded and repeated God's promise. God enjoys when we hold Him to His promises.
 - How do we respond to God's promises?
- David responded with Preparation to God's Answer
 - Though the Lord said no to David building the temple, David prepared the way for his son.
 - When God said no to our desire to serve a certain way, why don't we prayerfully seek how we can support those who are.

- How do we respond to God's no?
- David responded with Proclaiming God's Power
 - 7 times he said Sovereign Lord
 - He submitted to who God was

4. Application

- This promise was partially fulfilled in Solomon, but ultimately fulfilled in Jesus.
- And it doesn't stop at this, Peter tells us,
 - 2 Peter 1:3-4 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.
- Because God keeps His promises, we are to do like David, praise, prepare, and proclaim!