

DAVID – Developing a Heart for God

Lesson 7 & 8: God's Wrath & Blessing and God's Promise to David
Women in the Word Scripture Reference Notes – October 20, 2026

Studying God's Word: Hebrews 10:24; Proverbs 27:17

Historical context:

After David was established as king over all Israel, and made Jerusalem his capital, he longed for the presence of God to dwell at the center of the nation.

LESSON 7 2 Samuel 6

The Ark Arrives in Jerusalem

Procession – 2 Samuel 6:1-5

David tries to do the right thing in the wrong way.

Conflict – 2 Samuel 6:6-11

Irreverence for God by Uzzah.

Procession – 2 Samuel 6:12-19

Procession resumes in humble, reverent, obedience to God.

Conflict – 2 Samuel 6:20-23

Scorn for David by Michal.

2 Samuel 6:3 *"They had mounted the ark of God on a new cart and moved it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart."*

God's commands concerning the Ark – Numbers 4:15; Exodus 25:12-15;
1 Chronicles 15:15

The procession resumes in obedience – 2 Samuel 6:12-19.

Cf. 1 Samuel 2:18 *“Now Samuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy wearing a linen ephod.”*

Leviticus 1 prescribes whole-burnt (‘ōlāh) offerings for atonement; Leviticus 3 sets forth peace (šelem) offerings expressing communion and gratitude.

David and Michal

2 Samuel 6:16 *“Then it happened, as the ark of the Lord was coming into the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked down through the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she was contemptuous of him in her heart.”*

What do we learn about God from chapter 6?

1. God is holy and to be revered accordingly. Proverbs 9:10
2. God tells us how to obey in His Word. Good intentions do not replace obedience.

1 Samuel 15:22b *“To obey is better than sacrifice”*

3. God’s Word is our guide for obedience. Anchor every plan in Scripture and God’s glory, ensuring our motives stay pure.
4. God delights in our wholehearted worship. Psalm 100:2
5. God loves us. Christ’s sacrifice was the ultimate act of love. Ephesians 5:2

A warning – The Danger of Pride: Proverbs 16:18

LESSON 8

2 Samuel 7

The Davidic Covenant

A key theme of this chapter is God's heart of covenant faithfulness — He takes the initiative to give far more than we could ever ask or imagine.

David's good desire meets God's greater plan – 2 Samuel 7:1-7

The Davidic Covenant – God's Unconditional Promises – 2 Samuel 7:8-17

Key Hebrew Words:

bayith (Strong's H1004) - "house"

chesed (Strong's H2617) - "lovingkindness, steadfast love, covenant loyalty" (1 Samuel 7:15)

olam (Strong's H5769) - "forever, everlasting" Repeated in 7:13, 16, 24-26, 29

What are the main promises of the Davidic covenant?

1. During David's lifetime

First, in 2 Samuel 7:9-11, God promises to give David

- a. a great name
- b. a secure place
- c. rest from his enemies

2. For David's immediate son

Second, in 2 Samuel 7:11-16, God promises

- a. to raise an offspring from David's body
- b. to establish his kingdom
- c. to make secure his throne
- d. to be a father to David's son

3. In the remote future

Third, in 2 Samuel 7:16, God promises that

- a. David's house will endure
- b. his kingdom will have no end
- c. his throne will be established

David's prayer of humble amazement – 2 Samuel 7:18-29

What do we learn about God in this chapter?

1. God is faithful to keep His Word. We can trust Him completely.
2. God's plans for me are always best.
3. Praying in complete humility helps us to truly acknowledge God's greatness.

Thoughts to consider:

- Where might I be approaching God with good intentions but on my own terms rather than His?
- What "house" am I trying to build in my own strength? How is God inviting me to trust the house He is building?
- Are my hands open to the plans God has for me, especially if they are not what I had hoped or expected?

Next Week – October 27
Week 9 & 10 – Facing Temptation and God's Severe Mercy