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Only Jesus

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

Pastoral Pondering

The House Of God

Scripture repeatedly describes King David as **"a man after God's own heart."** There is debate about what it was about David that earned him this title. Nevertheless, it is not debatable that Scripture describes him as such.

One such detail that may illustrate this reputation in David is found in [2 Samuel 7](#). Here is where we discover that David desired to replace the temporary tabernacle/tent that housed the Ark of The Covenant of God – with a permanent home for the Lord to dwell in (the Temple).

David's desire was a good desire, but God responds to David in a surprising way, saying, **"Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in?" (v.5)**. As much as David is a man after God's own heart, and as much as it is a good desire, it is ridiculous to think that David could *actually* build a house for God to dwell in. God's words are sharp and true.

These sharp words are important for us to heed. Many of us want to do something *for* God. We want to honor Him. We have desires like David, like a child in a sand box believing that he could build a castle for a king, we seek in futility to make something worthy of our Lord. The works of your hands are as permanent as the sand foundation beneath that falling sandcastle.

But God's words are not mere mockery. He loves David, and so, He then explains the most important truth for David (and us) to hear. God flips the narrative and proclaims that David won't build God a house – but it will be God who builds *David* a house. God says, **"I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house" (v.11)**.

God continues his loving response by explaining that He (God) would **"raise up [David's] offspring...and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (vs.12-13)**.

The original audience of this prophecy would have easily understood this as being fulfilled in Solomon. For it was Solomon, David's son, who built the Temple. He is the one who is credited as building the Temple mount.

Indeed, Solomon built a physical temple for the Lord. But there is a detail in this text that we cannot ignore. Notice what God actually promised to David. God promised, **"I will establish the throne of his (David's son's) kingdom forever."** The reason that this is surprising is because God doesn't promise to establish *David's* throne forever. In what way is Solomon's throne any different than David's? Further, Solomon's throne *is* David's throne. So why wouldn't God say that *David's* throne would be established forever?

Moreover, just as David died, so too did Solomon. If this prophecy is meant to be fulfilled in Solomon, in

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what way is Solomon's throne "forever"? He, like his father, is dead. Indeed, both David's and Solomon's throne have come to an end.

There are two ways for us to respond to this conundrum. Either we determine that God (or His Word) is simply wrong, or we must conclude that this passage portends of a throne that is different from David's and Solomon's.

In truth, it would have been just as comical for Solomon to believe that he could actually build God a house to dwell in! Stephen picks up on this ridiculous thought when he explains in [Acts 7:48](#), "***The Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands!***" He goes on quoting God, "***Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord?***" God, whose glory fills the earth, cannot be contained by that which is made with hands.

So, when were these words of 2 Samuel 7 fulfilled? Ultimately, this prophecy tells of a descendant of David who would be worthy to *actually* build God a house. Moreover, He would be a king whose throne *actually* is "forever."

The New Testament tells us that Jesus Christ is that King. He is the one who built THE Temple of God – not made with hands – the Temple of his own body (see [John 2:21](#)). The gospel writers pick up on this when they record Jesus' words that *He* would build the Temple in three days ([Matthew 26:61](#), [27:40](#); [Mark 14:58](#); [John 2:19](#)).

God's words to David are truer than we realize – when He says to the earthly king – David, "***I will build for you a house***" He means that God Himself would be the one to build the king's house. It just so happened that, the house that He promised to build would also be His own throne room. The throne of God and of man – coincides in the risen man, Jesus Christ. He has done it.

Stop thinking that you can build for Him anything (even if you are a man or a woman after God's own heart) – and start responding to Jesus' work by believing, trusting, and putting your faith in Him and in Him alone – and, like David, respond to Him in worship (see [2 Sam 7:18ff](#)).

Praising Jesus for what He has done, Pastor tony



welcome

If you are a visitor this morning or have only been coming to New Life for a few months, we are glad you are joining with us! If you would like to learn more about New Life, be sure to stop by the Resource Center in the front foyer to pick up a welcome bag we have for you. Please join us for fellowship *and a meal* after service today where we would love to meet and get to know you and for you to get to know us more.

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This Week's Scheduled Events:

Tues	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Tues	Young Adult Study– 6:30 pm
Wed	Immerse– 6:15 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– 10:30 am
Thurs	Ladies Bible Study– Noon
Thurs	GriefShare– 6:30 pm
Thurs	Women's Study– 6:30 pm
Thurs	Men's Bible Study– 6:30 pm

February Memory Verse:

Daniel 12:2-3 (ESV)

"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

February Fellowship Tip:

Did anyone say Chicken Soup? Cold and flu season is upon us and it doesn't have to be all negative. It provides the body of Christ more opportunities to care for one another in love, even simply through a pot of warm chicken soup and a short prayer at the door reminding one another our Lord is good to us.

Sunday Meals and Fellowship:

Feb 8	Meal Team 5–Breakfast
Feb 15	Meal Team 6–Baked Potato/Salad

Contact Barbara Judkins if interested in being on a meal team or a helper.

This Sunday's Worship Songs:

1. Rejoice! The Lord Is King 2. Good and Gracious King 3. He Will Hold Me Fast 4. My Worth Is Not In What I Own 5. I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

- **Young Adults Study:** This **Tuesday, February 10th** our Young Adults (ranging from young adults-YOU) in Genesis will be meeting at Phil and Dawn Minell's home at **6:30pm**. Their address is 442 220th Street Osceola. Please come ready to glory in our Savior as we study His Word together and spur one another on to love and walk with Jesus. Also, there are a few spots open to host for this spring. We'd love to be at your house! Just sign-up at the welcome counter.
- **Men's Evening Bible Study:** Men! **Thursday evening** Bible Study in 1 Peter starts this week! If you have already been thinking about joining the evening study, now is a great time to jump in, **6:30pm** in the banquet room.
- **Women's 2026 Retreat:** Yes Ladies we will be having a "Renew" retreat this year, **Friday, February 27-Sunday, March 1** at the Oak Forest Retreat & Conference Center in Frederic, WI. Come away to a place where you can refresh your soul and share with other sisters in Christ through scripture and song. Pricing options can be found on Connect. Call 715-327-4500 to register.
- **2026 Men's Retreat:** Let's talk about spring! The 2026 Men's retreat is now on the calendar for **Friday and Saturday April 10th and 11th**. We will be continuing our journey through Ephesians diving into Chapter 4 this year. 2 Easy ways to register! Take a picture of the QR Code on the welcome counter to lead you to the registration website or open our New Life App and click the registration menu option. Just fill out your information and either pay online or select "I'll pay by check" under the "Men's retreat Payment" dropdown menu and you can pay at the retreat. **Registration deadline is Sunday March 22nd!** Once registered you should be getting a follow-up email with more information about your stay at Oak Forest. If you have any questions about registration or scholarship funds to attend just reach out to Pastor Paul.
- **Reminder:** Be sure to look for your Giving Letter receipt on the table in the foyer by the Resource Center, if you haven't already picked it up. Also, if you've had an address change in the past year, please let me know to update our records. Thank you! Colleen Firkus, NLCC Treasurer, 612-889-758





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Today's Passage:

Pastor Tony's message is from the
New Testament book,
Colossians 3:18-4:1

SERMON NOTES: