

“Lessons from the Life of David” – Pastor Jim Ruddy

Study # 29 – 2 Samuel 7:1-29 – Sitting Before The LORD

I. THE INCREDIBLE RESCRIPT v1-12 Note: 1 Chr. 17:1-15

A. DAVID’S PLAN TO BUILD GOD’S HOUSE v1-3

- After establishing his throne in Jerusalem, David struggled with the conflict between his royal palace and the humble curtain-tent for the Ark of the Covenant. cf. 2 Sam. 5:11; 6:17
- As a result, David determined to build a house for God.
 - cf. 1 Kings 8:17; 2 Chr. 6:7; Ps. 132:1-5; Acts 7:45,46

B. GOD’S PLAN TO BUILD DAVID’S HOUSE v4-12

- The LORD re-scripted David’s words, and instead, promised to build the house (dynasty) of David. cf. Gen. 12:1, 17:8
- God established a covenant with David, promising that the line of his descent would endure forever. cf. 2 Sam. 23:1-5
- David’s little kingdom of Israel would one day culminate in the great, eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ. cf. Lu. 1:31-33; Is. 9:6,7
- David planned to do something tangible and temporal; God, in turn, does something spiritual and eternal!
 - “Forever” is used eight times in this chapter.

II. THE INCALCULABLE RESPONSE v18-29

- David was absolutely overwhelmed by such an awesome word, and responded by entering the tent and sitting before the Ark of the Covenant. Note: “sat” = *to dwell, stay, remain or tarry*. cf. Gen. 24:55
- Although David cannot put all of his gratefulness into words, He is aware that God can read his heart. v20; cf. Ps. 139:2, 23

A. WHO AM I?

Note: 1 Chr. 17:16-27

1. REMEMBERING THE PAST

- Note the humility and self-deprecation with which David approaches God. He refers to himself as “servant” ten times.
- This is the David we have always known; success hasn’t changed him a bit. cf. 1 Sam 18:18; Saul: 1 Sam. 15:17

2. RELISHING THE PRESENT

- David recognizes that it has been God alone who has brought him to such a place. While all that God has done for David is sufficient in David’s eyes, it is not enough in God’s eyes; The LORD has better things in store for David in the future; and the better things have implications for all mankind.

3. REHEARSING THE PROMISE

- Although his house (dynasty) was presently insignificant, David was confident that it would become great in the future because of the proven reliability of God and His promises.

B. WHO ARE YOU?

1. THE GOODNESS OF GOD

- David acknowledged the LORD's goodness in bestowing such magnificent blessings upon his life. v28; Ps. 31:19

2. THE GREATNESS OF GOD

- David declares the LORD's incomparable sovereignty, referring to God seven times as "*Lord GOD*" = "*Adoni Yahweh*."
 - This is the same name used by Abraham. cf. Gen. 15:2,8
- While God promises that David's name would be great, David reflects the glory back on God, requesting that the Name of the LORD be magnified. v26; cf. Ps. 115:1

III. THE INEVITABLE RESULTS

A. A NEW PERSPECTIVE

- David expresses his gratitude to God for having revealed His plans to him. v27 - "*revealed*" = *uncovered / opened the ear!*
 - cf. 1 Sam. 9:15; Ps. 40:6
- Sitting before the LORD gives God the opportunity to speak into our lives, giving us His perspective on our circumstances and situations.
- David now sees himself as God sees him, recognizing that God is up to something greater than he has been aware of.
- David's story and God's story are being fully merged into one!

B. A NEW POWER

- It is from this place that David can confidently arise to govern God's people. He will not be the despot Samuel warned Israel of (1 Sam. 8:11-18), but will rule God's people gracefully. cf. Ps. 78:70-72
- "*But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength!*"
 - cf. Is. 40:28-31, 33:2; Ps. 27:14; 59:9; 62:5; 130:5; Prov. 20:22
- "*in quietness and confidence shall be your strength*" Is. 30:15

SITTING BEFORE THE LORD

S = Solitude - Give yourself to the practice of being alone with God!

- Learn to shut the door! Matt. 6:6; 2 Ki. 4:33
 - cf. Mk. 1:35, 6:46,47; Pr. 8:34; 1 Th. 4:11; 1 Ki. 19:12

I = Intimacy - Learn to be transparent before God! "*Into - me - see*"

- Great confidence arises when you recognize that you are known so intimately, yet loved so deeply!
 - cf. Ps. 139; 1 Chr. 28:9; Jn. 10:3, 14; 1 Cor. 8:3

T = Time - You can't get to know God in a hurry!

- cf. Ps. 25:5; 37:7; 40:1; 123:2; Hos. 12:6; Hab. 2:1