

EMMANUEL

THE KINGDOM OF KEPT PROMISES

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The Promise Given 2 Samuel 7

God continues to reveal His redemptive plan.

2 Sam. 7:2 “the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” **3** And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” **4** But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, **5** “Go and tell my servant David, “Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?””

God issues the magnificent promise of His presence and an eternal throne to David.

1. Though David would die, God promises to raise up a King from his line.

2 Sam. 7:12 “When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, 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.”

2. David's immediate lineage would fail – but God would not.

2 Sam. 7:14 “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, **15** but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.”

3. God promises an eternal kingdom and reign.

2 Sam. 7:16 “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

David responds in hopeful amazement.

1. Marvel at God's favor now.

2 Sam. 7:18 “Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? **19** And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! **20** And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! **21** Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it.”

2. Praise God for His past faithfulness.

2 Sam. 7:22 "Therefore 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 who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? **24** And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God."

3. Pray for the realization of the promise in the future.

2 Sam. 7:28 "And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. **29** Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."

The believer responds to God with committed hope in His promises (Psalms 132).

1. We ground ourselves in hope as we recognize God's faithfulness.

Ps. 132:10 "For the sake of your servant David, do not turn away the face of your anointed one. **11** The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. **12** If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne.""

2. We anticipate in hope that our future dwelling will be with Him.

Ps. 132:13 "For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: **14** "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.""

3. We rejoice in the hope of God's provision.

Ps. 132:15 "I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. **16** Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy."

SONGS

"JOY TO THE WORLD" – Isaac Watts

"O PRAISE HIM" – David Crowder

"ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING" – St. Francis of Assisi, William H. Draper

"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US" – Stuart Townend

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$38,193.46
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YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,693,056.00