

David, Shepherd and King
#17 David Desires to Build God's House - 2 Samuel 7

1. The Desire of David's Heart (2-3)

David Had a Heart for God

(2) "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."
We see again why David is called a man after God's own heart.

- **In the midst of prosperity he desired to glorify God**

It is believed that this was the time when David organized the priesthood into 24 courses. He also organized the singers and musicians to serve in the worship of Jehovah. The time, the place, and the resources all seemed to indicate an open door for David to build the temple. At first, Nathan (this is the first time we meet this prophet) agreed with David.

Not All of Our Dreams and Desires Are From God

2. The Divine "No" (4-7)

Sometimes God Says No In Answer to Our Prayers

God confirms His will in our lives through His Word.

- **God leads us by both open and closed doors**

David would not be the one to build the temple.

1 Chronicles 17:4, "You shall not build Me a house to dwell in."

- **This was not a question of right versus wrong**

David's dream came from a godly desire. Years later Solomon said "But the Lord said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart,'"

2 Chronicles 6:8.

God apparently did not tell David at this time why he was forbidden to do this. Years later David told his son, Solomon, that God had revealed the reason. 1 Chronicles 22:8, "but the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight'."

Solomon was a type of Christ, the Prince of Peace. Chuck Swindoll, "God does not call everybody to build temples."

Learn To Accept God's "No" and to Live with the Mystery of God's Will

3. The Divine Promises (8-16)

God's "No" Is Not Rejection but Redirection

God reminded David of his true position. (8) "Thus you shall say to My servant, David." We need to be reminded that He is God and we are not. We are His servants commanded to do His will, Luke 17:10. Everything that David was and would be was because of God's blessing in his life.

(8-9) "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel."

David was prohibited from building a material house for God. God now promised to build David a human house.

- **The extent is eternal** (12-13)

A descendant of David will rule from Israel forever, Genesis 49:10.

- **The covenant is unconditional** (14-15)

This truth is restated in Psalm 89.

- **The fulfillment is literal** (16)

The immediate fulfillment was in David's son, Solomon. Solomon did build the temple, but his kingdom disintegrated after his death. The ultimate fulfillment will be through Jesus Christ when He returns at His Second Coming. That is why the New Testament begins with Matthew's genealogy. When the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary he said, "...and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end," Luke 1:31-33.

Jesus Christ Is the **Promised** Son of David

4. David's Response (18-29)

Neither Anger nor Arrogance

- **He acknowledged God's **blessing** in his life**

We need to recognize that but for the grace of God we would have and be nothing.

Don't Miss the Things God Wants to Give You by **Focusing upon the Things God Hasn't Given You**

- **He accepted God's **decision** for his life**

Ten times David referred to himself as "Your servant." The word means bondman or slave. In fact David refers to himself this way more than any other Old Testament person. David also referred to "Your people, Your land, Your word, Your Name. David's focus was upon the Lord not upon himself.

Remember that We Are a Part of Something **Greater That God Is Doing in the World**

- **He acted upon God's **Word****

Verse 25 is actually in the imperative. David appears to be giving God a command. This is a statement of faith. David's faith was revealed in his actions. 1 Chronicles 22:5, "Now David said, 'Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it.' So David made abundant preparations before his death."

Realize that God Has Spoken Blessing into Our Lives; Are We Making Meaningful Use of Our **Limited Time ?**