

2 Samuel Chapter 07 Commentary

2Sa 7:1 ¶ "And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee."

King David has been given rest from all the enemies of Israel. There is peace in the land, and he now has time to think upon things aside from war. David recognizes that God has blessed him in abundance, and he thinks upon the fact that God had established the kingdom of Israel to him, as promised, and even had a neighbor, and friend, to build him a house in which to dwell.

This stirs David's conscience into desiring to build a house for the Lord. He puts this thought and desire of his heart before the prophet Nathan. Nathan also recognizes that God is with David, and Nathan tells David to do whatever is in his heart. The one thing not recorded here is: neither of them has asked God what he thought of the idea. God will set that right in the following scriptures. However, we give David credit, he did at least ask God's prophet before he strikes out to do anything.

4 ¶ "And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? 6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?"

God knows our very thoughts and the intents of our hearts, as demonstrated in these verses. God comes to Nathan and tells him to carry a message to King David. God ask David; when, and to whom, have I given commandment to build me a house of cedar to dwell in? We gather a lesson from this question, which is: we need only to follow God's commandments, not make commandments of our own. King David has, in effect, put forth a commandment which God has not said to do.

God reminds King David that he has sent his presence with Israel, wherever he has commanded Israel to go, in the ark of God. God has led Israel by the ark from the time Israel came out of Egypt unto this time when God has established Israel in the land of promise with peace.

There is a picture here, of man trying to build one place to confine God to a particular spot. God does have an eternal particular spot where God, in the form of Jesus Christ, will dwell in one place, but that is not on earth. How often do we try to confine God to the particular place we worship? It is easily done, even without intent to do so, by forgetting that God has people all over the world and God is everywhere present and nowhere absent.

God ask King David: who have I commanded to build me a house of cedar? To which David could only answer: no one. Another lesson for us: it is easy to forget what God has commanded and mix our will with God's will. If we could only keep the first two great commandments, which Jesus said to keep in the New Testament, **Mt 22:37-38; 37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."** we would have a full-time job and wouldn't be trying to add to what God has commanded.

8 "Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: 9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth."

God reminds King David of where he came from and where God has brought him to. God reminds King David that God has cut off the enemies of Israel and given them peace. God tells King David that I have been with you, even when you went off on your own, and I have not forsaken you, which reminds us of a promise of God to us, seen in: **Heb 13:5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:**

for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." This tells us: whatever our position and circumstances in life, we are to be content with God's will.

God reminds King David that God has made King David's name great upon the earth. God did the same for King Jesus, seen in: ***Php 2:9-11; 9 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*** God has given Jesus a name above every name, and Jesus has made peace with God the Father for all of God's people.

10 "Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as beforetime, 11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also, the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever. 17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David."

"Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; " We have set before us a prophetic picture of the end of time and the eternal place that Jesus has gone to prepare for his people. We know this is a prophesy because it speaks of a place where God's people shall have a permanent home. A place from which they shall never move. We know from scripture that through disobedience to God, Israel will eventually lose their possession of the land of promise in which they have peace right now, and thus they do not have a permanent home on earth.

"neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as beforetime," We know it is prophetic, because it says that the children of wickedness will not bother them any more in this place that God is speaking of. That would have to be the eternal place of God's people, since in this world we shall be constantly bombarded with temptations from the devil, and from his minions. We will not be freed, from the children of wickedness, until we are in the eternal place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us.

It was true, in king Solomon's reign, that God gave Israel peace, and there were no defensive wars to fight during his reign. Solomon did regain some of the land of promise that was delegated to Israel by God.

"I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom." God does add blessings to King David; telling him that he will make King David an established house, and when you have died, I will set up thy son after thee. This seed of David, which is Solomon, will I cause to have an established kingdom and he will build me a house.

"and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom forever." God says of this seed that he will establish his kingdom forever, which must be a prophesy of King Jesus and his preparation of an eternal place for God's people, for the kingdom given to King Solomon has not lasted forever.

However, we know that God is telling David: Solomon his son will be king after him and sit upon the throne of Israel. How? Because God tells us that if he sins, I will punish him with the rod and stripes of men. ***"If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:"*** We know that King Jesus never committed a sin, though he was punished with the rod and stripes of men on our behalf.

God reminds King David that he will not take his mercy away from this seed, Solomon, as he did with King Saul. God tells David ***"I will be his father, and he shall be my son."*** God did not take away his mercy from Solomon, even though Solomon did many ungodly things in his lifetime. However, God did exact punishment for Solomon's sins upon his children. We know that King Jesus is the one and only begotten Son of God.

18 ¶ "Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but

thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?"

Upon hearing the message of God: David goes into the tabernacle and sits down before God. David confesses that God has made great and abundant promises concerning his house. David admits that he does not deserve even one of these blessings. David acknowledges because God is almighty, and has unlimited power, this is just a small thing for God to accomplish. David acknowledges that this is not something that a man can do. It could only be accomplished by God.

This is a great lesson for every child of God to remember on a very regular basis. We have great and abundant blessing from God simply because God chose to bestow them upon us. We did nothing to earn them and can do nothing to earn them, in our own feeble strength.

20 "And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant. 21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears."

King David acknowledges that there is nothing left that he could say or ask of God. David thanks God that God is doing in accordance with God's own will. David reminds us that there is only one true and living God, and that there is no little g god, even though they are proclaimed by others, who can do the things that God has told David he is going to do.

We can declare unto you the truth that Jesus Christ has done these same things for every child of God and is worthy of our praise. We should be humbled, at all times, as we consider all that Jesus has done for us. We should remember that there are no little g gods that can perform anything, even though the world is flying their banners everywhere and proclaiming their faith in these gods.

23 "And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? 24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee forever: and thou, LORD, art become their God."

David reminds us that there is no nation of people on earth that are like the nation of God's chosen people. He reminds us that God chose to redeem Israel to himself, through many signs and wonders, that the name of God would be exalted upon the earth. Not only did God redeem Israel from Egypt, but he also delivered them from all the little g gods of the earth. David tells us that Israel has now returned to following the Lord and they acknowledge that God is the LORD.

This same thing is true for every child of God. God chose to deliver us from our bondage to sin and Satan, to be a nation of people on the earth that bear his name. Each time a child of God is born again, the name of God is exalted upon the earth. Each time a child of God is reborn, they will acknowledge and own God as their LORD.

We find here support for our 3rd Article of Faith: **"We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election."** References: Romans 9:11, 11:5; Ephesians 1:4; John 17:2, 10:28, Acts 13:48; 2 Thessalonians 2:13

25 "And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever, and do as thou hast said. 26 And let thy name be magnified forever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee."

This promise of God was fulfilled in King David's life. Some will say: but David sinned, and God ran him out of Jerusalem, away from his throne and the ark of God. Indeed, God did, because King David's sin had put a blot of blight on the name of God. Therefore, God rightly admonished King David for his sin. However, God brought King David back to his throne in Jerusalem and the ark of God and he died as King of Israel, after he anointed Solomon to be king in his place.

27 "For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore, hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. 28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou art

that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: 29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue forever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed forever."

David tells God: I pray this prayer in humble recognition that you are God and do as you will. David reminds us that God does not lie, and his word of promise is truth. David acknowledges that God is gracious and good to his people. David concludes by saying: thy will be done!

Prophetically, this will be fulfilled at the end of time in the resurrection of the dead in Christ, and the change of God's people, who are alive and remain upon the earth at the return of Christ. Therefore, we proclaim: Lord let it be according to thy word, because we too understand that your word is true and steadfast, and your promise continues, today and forever, to all thy people. Lord Jesus, come quickly! Hallelujah! Amen!