

Our Promise Keeping King – 2 Samuel

2 Samuel 7:1-29

“God’s Promise of a Forever King” – November 4, 2018



Introduction

From the moment we’re born, we cease to be a clean slate. We live in the present, but how we live *today*, is affected by our past *and* our future (sometimes more than we realize). If our past is riddled with failure and sin, it can leave us with shame, guilt, and regret that paralyzes us. If our past is filled with success and popularity, it can go to our heads and make us proud. The *future* affects how to live today too: an unknown future, (what *might* happen) can leave us so worried and anxious we’re paralyzed in fear. On the other hand, *false* hope or *misguided* expectations about *tomorrow* can tempt us to live for the wrong thing *today* and we waste our life. We all have a past and a future, so how can we live with *unshakeable* confidence and *real* hope, *today*?

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response.

Sermon Outline

- 1) *How can a servant honor a God who needs nothing?* (7:1-7)
- 2) Listen to God’s word about your past and future (7:8-16)
- 3) Trust God’s word (7:17-29)

Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [2 Samuel 7:1-7](#)

David’s been on the rise, recently crowned king of all Israel (chapter 5), conquered Jerusalem, defeated the Philistines, and brought the ark of God to the capital city (chapter 6). While enjoying this newfound rest in his luxurious palace, he’s uncomfortable knowing the ark of God (which represents His presence) sits in a tent and wants to improve its accommodations. Good intentions, but this time, God says ‘no.’ Why? Not only is it not time (there’s more war to come – [1 Kings 5:3](#)), but David needs to remember *who* God is. Acts 17:24–25, says, “*The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*” When we do something good, why does that not put God in debt to us? Why is it good news that God doesn’t need us?

Additional reading: Acts 7:48-49, Psalm 50:10-12

- 2) Read [2 Samuel 7:8-16](#)

Here, God speaks to David about his past (7:8-9a) and his future (7:9b-11). God's words are words of *grace* reminding him from beginning to end how God has cared for Him. But the effect and beneficiary of God's words are not limited to David. In 7:12-16 we see God's covenant with David (what we call the *Davidic Covenant*). David had wanted to build God a house, but here, God promises to build *David* a house. This house is not a house of brick and mortar, but a dynasty. From David's offspring, God would establish a kingdom that would last forever. Individual kings may come and go. Individual kings in the line of David may sin and be disciplined by God (v14), but God would never abandon his promise to David of a forever king ruling an eternal dynasty.

Who would this Messiah be ("Messiah" means *anointed one, the king*)? Which son of David would take the throne, crush the head of Satan ([Genesis 3:15](#)), reconcile God and man, and restore the world back to paradise? Ultimately it would be Jesus who would fulfill this promise (see Gabriel's word to Mary in [Luke 1:31-33](#)). As a result, God's promise to David becomes a word that benefits *all* of God's people – for any who will turn from sin and trust in Jesus, the Christ ("Christ" is the New Testament version of "Messiah"). If God's *promises* to us the basis of our hope how does that help us face hopeless circumstances?

Additional reading: Psalm 89:19-37

3) Read [2 Samuel 7:17-29](#)

After hearing God's gracious word to him and God's covenant, David responds in prayer. He *praises* God in prayer because of God's grace regarding his past (7:17-24) and *prays* to God as an expression of trust because of God's grace regarding his future (7:25-29). Instead of sulking that God had said 'no' to his request, David worships God! How can remembering God's gracious words to us help us move out of envy or bitterness to worship? Notice also how God's word to David shapes his prayer and becomes the basis of his confidence. What are ways we can not only *read* God's word, but *pray* God's word like David did?

Additional reading: 1 John 5:14, Job 13:15

Prayer of Response

Spend time praying together in response to God's word for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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