



DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7:1–24

RELATED SCRIPTURES

1 Chronicles 22:7–8 | Jeremiah 31:31–34 | 1 Corinthians 3:16

STUDY FOR SERMON FROM 8.11.24

SUMMARY

The books of Samuel tells how God brought peace and stability during David’s reign. David’s kingdom was far from perfect, but this restful period for God’s people foreshadowed what was to come in Jesus Christ. As the Lord granted David rest on his throne, the king set his mind on honoring the Lord and purposed to build the Lord “a house.” Perhaps surprisingly, the Lord responds to David by saying, “That’s not something for which I’ve ever asked.” So, why wouldn’t the majestic Lord of the universe want a dwelling place fitting of his glory? David would cite his propensity for bloodshed (1 Chronicles 22:7–8), but this rationale doesn’t match what the Lord told the prophet Nathan. God explains that it wasn’t within his redemptive plan for *man* to build a house for *God*; instead, *God* intended to build a salvation home for *man*—or, more precisely—his people, and *through* them, he would build a house for his own name. If we read this passage too quickly, we might assume that the Lord is *only* telling David that his son, Solomon, a future generation, will build a house (or a temple) for the Lord—and this is true. A future generation *would* build a temple for the Lord. However, the Lord *also* speaks beyond the next generation about the House that the Lord would build that would “establish the throne of [David’s] kingdom forever” (2 Samuel 7:13). This “Temple” is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord made a covenant to David promising that through David’s line, a Savior would come, and in that Savior, like a temple, the *fullness* of the deity would dwell (Colossians 2:9). Also similar to a temple are the hearts of all his people, the dwelling place of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16). The *Lord* builds the House for *his* people.

GROUP QUESTIONS

Share something that surprises, encourages, or troubles you from the sermon or your direct reading of 2 Samuel 7:1–24.

Is it surprising that the Lord denied David the opportunity to build a Temple for the Lord? Why did the Lord do this? What was the message in the Lord telling David, “Not you, but your offspring will build the Temple”?

In Christ, we have a Temple; like Christ, we *are* a temple—the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. How does knowing this affect you?

If there’s one thing Jesus would want you to walk away believing and receiving as a result of this portion of Scripture, what is that thing?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As you pray, be sure to include today’s themes in what you bring before God.