

2Samuel 7:1–17

“Participating in God’s Infinitely Better Plan”

Who is going to build whom a house? Pastor leads his family in today’s “Hopewell @Home” passage. 2Samuel 7:1–17 prepares us for the serial reading that we have been doing in that book in the public worship on the coming Lord’s Day. In these seventeen verses, we learn that God’s plan isn’t David’s plan, because God is the giving God, Whose infinitely better plan is Christ!

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 • Read 2Samuel 7:1–17

Questions from the Scripture text: Where was the king dwelling (v1)? What had Yahweh given Him? To whom did the king speak (v2)? What comparison did he make? What did Nathan say to do (v3)? Who did he say would be with him? What comes to Nathan in v4? When? For whom was this word (v5)? What did He ask? What point does He make in v6? What had He never spoken about (v7)? What does He call David in v8? Who chose whom? From where? To be what? What three things does Yahweh point out that He has done for David (v9)? What does He call Israel in v10? What will He do for them (v10–11)? What does Yahweh declare that He will make for David (v11)? When will this happen (v12)? Whom will Yahweh set up? From where will the Seed come? What will Yahweh establish? What will the Seed King do (v13)? What will Yahweh establish? For how long? What relationship will Yahweh have with Him (v14a)? What will happen if He bears guilt/sin (v14b)? What will never happen (v15)? What will the establishing of the Kingdom of the Seed do for David—what two things will be established forever (v16)? How did Nathan respond to this message from Yahweh (v17)?

The king already has a house (v1), so why is Yahweh promising to build him a house (v11) as the main theme of this passage? Because it will be a forever-house (v16) that constitutes a forever kingdom under a forever King (v12–13).

God’s plans are almost never our plans. David is grateful (for good reason, v1), and tells Nathan that he thinks that he ought to do something in return for God (v2). Nathan—doesn’t even have to pray about it—thinks that this is a good idea (v3).

But since Nathan doesn’t come to God, God comes to Nathan and points out that He has no need of a house (v5–7). It’s not particularly less humbling to God to make His presence known in a tent than in a cedar structure. He makes His dwelling among His people because He is pleased to do so.

He doesn’t need nicer accommodations, or any accommodations at all. BUT, His plan is to make that dwelling among His people in One Whose name is Immanuel. And one of the last things the Scripture will end up saying is that the dwelling place of God is among men (cf. Rev 21:3, 21:22, 22:3). That’s where all of this is headed, because...

God is the giving God. Yahweh proceeds to remind David that He gave David the kingship because He was giving His people a prince (v8), peace (v9) and a place (v10). Yes, we owe Him obedience and service, but what can we give unto God? We are simply to honor Him and to trust that He is honoring Himself.

God’s plan is to raise up a seed (v12) to build a house for His own name (v13). Does David want to build God a house? Here, Yahweh promises that from David will come the Lord Jesus Himself, in Whom the fullness of God dwells bodily (cf. John 2:21, Col 1:18–19, Col 2:9)!

This is far more than David bargained for. He thought he would be giving back to God, but God was adding an infinite upgrade to what He had already given to David. Whatever the Lord assigns to us, we can do with the knowledge that God is giving to Himself all glory, even as He gives us the astonishing privilege of participating in His plan for that glory.

God’s great plan is Christ. The language of the seed in v12 obviously reminds us of the Seed of the woman in Genesis 3:15 and the Seed of Abraham in Genesis 12:7 (cf. Gal 3:16). Here is the One Who will be king forever (v13). Yes, Solomon comes from David’s body, and Solomon builds a great temple. But Solomon’s reign ends, and his temple is destroyed.

What reign, what temple, what throne can last forever? Everything in this world is bound to corruption and decay since the Fall (cf. Rom 8:20–22). But there is One coming who can not only bear our iniquity but eliminate it (v14, cf. 2Cor 5:17–21, Rom 3:25).

David thought that God had completed his blessing (v1), but it turned out that God was just getting started. His plan is to glorify Himself in Christ, by giving Himself for us in Christ, that He might give Himself to us in Christ. Forever and ever.

We dream of accomplishing great things for God, but when we realize what God is doing for Himself and for us, we learn that there is nothing that we can “accomplish” that could add to that. Whatever roles and duties He has assigned to us already participate in that marvelous plan. So, let us pursue regular faithfulness with all the zeal that we would have if we were building the very temple of God!

What do you want to “accomplish” for God? What roles & duties has He assigned you? What is He accomplishing?

Suggested songs: ARP72ABC “God, Give Your Judgments to the King” or TPH434 “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

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Second Samuel chapter 7 verses 1 through 17, these are God’s words. Now, it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house. And he always had given him rest from all his enemies all around that the king said to Nathan the prophet. See now I dwell in the house of cedar.

The ark of God dwells inside tent curtains. Then Nathan said to the king go do all that is in your heart for you always with you. But it’s happened that night that the word of Yahweh came to Nathan saying go and tell my servant. David thus says Yahweh, would you build a house for me to dwell in I have five not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt even to this day, but I have moved about in the tent and in a tabernacle.

Wherever I had moved about with all the children of Israel have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd might people. Israel saying Why have you not built me a house of cedar? Now, therefore thus you shall say to my servant David.

Thus says you all have hosts. I took you from the sheepfold from following the sheep to be ruler over my people over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you and have made you a great name like the name of the great men who are on the earth.

Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people. Israel into a plant then that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more. For all

this nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore as previously since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel and have caused you to rest from all your enemies.

Although you always tells you that he will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seat after you who will come from your body and I will establish his kingdom he shall build a house for my father for my name.

And I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be as father. And he shall be my son. If he commits an equity, I will chase an him with the rod of men with the blows of sons of men but my mercy shall not depart from him.

As I took it from Seoul whom my removed from before you and your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever. According to all these words and according to all this vision. So Nathan spoke to David.

So far the reading of God's. Inspired and in Aaron Word.

So verse 1 tells us not came to pass when the King was dwelling in his house. And he always had given him rest from all his enemies around. But then verse 11 says as the Lord is giving Nathan the message for David also Yahweh tells you that he will make you a house.

So, why is the Lord promising a house for David if you already has a house that's so nice that he feels a little guilty that the ark is in the tabernacle instead of a house. The reason is the Lord is intending to give David a forever house. He's intending to give him something that is going to outlast this world.

Neither the earthly tabernacle more David's house still stands today the house from verse 1, but David has a house from verse 11 that is going to last even to through the very elements of this earth and heavens being melted and burnt up. And will last forever in the New Heavens and then he earth.

So David thought that Yahweh was done blessing him. That's kind of the summary statement and verse 1, it came to pass you out. King the king was dwelling in his house and you all had given him rest from his enemies all around let the Lord was nowhere near done blessing him.

God's plans are almost never our plans. David decided that he was going to build a house for the Lord he said hi well in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains he's implying that he's got a plan. Nathan sees that he has a plan and he decides that he should just execute that plan.

Nathan said to the king go do all that is in your heart for you always with you first three. It doesn't even have to pray about it, but. Because Nathan more David came to God comes to Nathan to send him to David and he reminds him that he has no need of an earthly house versus five through sevens are going to find out of course when Solomon does build the temple or Solomon does build a temple the temple at that time in his prayer, they know that God cannot be contained even by heaven and the highest heaven.

Let alone a house a building on earth and yet God has made his presence especially known in the tabernacle and moved about in the tent and tabernac over six and has never asked for a house he dwells he makes his dwelling among his people he makes himself known among his people because he is pleased to do so.

He doesn't need nicer accommodations, in fact, he doesn't need any accommodations at all he's got. But his plan is to make his dwelling among us among them among his people in someone that actually gives the name Emmanuel I meaning God's with us even with and manu Imanu with us.

So God with us God's plan is that his dwelling would be among us in Jesus and if you look at revelation 21 and 22 you get invert 21 verse 3 21 verse 22 22 verse 3 this repeated statement about God's dwelling place being with his people. So God's plan go away beyond what David or Nathan could have imagined and even though we know much more than they because we have more written scripture it is impossible for us to imagine the fullness and the detail on the glory of what God's plans are for his dwelling with his people.

So we see first here that God's plan's are almost never our plans and his great plan is to dwell with his people. Second thing we see is that God is the giving God the way David sets things up he's like well now that God has given me a bunch of stuff.

I should give God some stuff but God doesn't need anything from David so he starts reminding him in verse 8. I took you from following stinky sheep to be ruler over my people over israel, he uses the covenant name to remind the the honor of being made king over Israel has made David a prince and, Not only is he made David a prince he has given David peace.

I have been with you wherever you have gone and cut off all your enemies from before you and made you a great name. Like the name of the great men who are on the earth, so he's gotten rid of all his enemies so he's made him a freeze prince he's given him peace and he's given him a place where he's giving Israel a place we're standing more over I will appoint a place for my people Israel and I will plant them that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore as previously so God is the one who gives yes, we owe him obedience and service whatever he command.

S we are to do but. There is nothing that we can add to him we are taught by the Lord Jesus that when we have done everything we are to say I am an unprofitable servant in other words all what I have done is just the service that has been commanded me and God has not benefited from me, we cannot benefit God.

And so God's plan is to raise up a seed verse 12 when your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers. I will set up your seed after you who will come from your body, so God is going to give David a seed for his own name who a seed who will build up.

Who will build a house for God's own name. I will establish his kingdom he shall build a house for my name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever so the Lord has promising that seed who will come long after David is dead when your days are fulfilled and your rest of your fathers.

When he's talking especially then about the Lord Jesus himself who? Is the one who is the forever temple for the name of God, remember Jesus. Has tear down this temple and I will rebuild it again in three days and they don't understand what he's saying in the scripture says it's because he was talking about his body.

And cautions one 18 and 19 talks of about Jesus having the first place and all things being actually. I think I was supposed to be a seasons there if he's not 18 and 19 head over all things for the church and then Colossians 2 verse 9 talks about the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in Jesus bodily.

And so. God is the giving God and when the when the temple that David wants to build is finally built, it will have happened by God having given himself in the Lord Jesus Christ.

So God is going to infinitely upgrade not just what David wants to do but even what Solomon was permitted to do.

So ultimately God's great plan is Christ the language of the seed in verse 12, I will set up your seed reminds us of the seed of the woman who crushes the serpent's head and the seed of the woman who crosses the serpent side is Jesus. Reminds us of the seed of Abraham.

In whom all the families of the earth will be blessed. That and the seed of Abraham is the one in whom all the families of the earth will be blessed is Jesus and now his promise to seed of David who will be king forever verse 13 and the seed of David who is king forever is Jesus.

So God's great plan in the garden who's calling Abraham when he's talking to David about this infinitely better house that he's raising up for his name. God's great plan is Christ God's great plan is Jesus yes all I'm going to build come from David's body and Solomon is going to build a temple but Solomon's marine ends and his temple is destroyed what rain what temple what throne can last forever.

Everything in this world is bound to corruption and decay since the fall. But there is one coming who cannot only bear our iniquity and eliminate it like first 14 talks about if he has iniquity this is commits in second. San Jose but we know that God made him the new notes in to be sin for us.

And that when the Lord punished the sin in Christ the guilt of our sin was wiped away. So David thought that God had completed blessing him. Now came to pass with the King's dwelling in his house and he always had given him rest. From his enemies all around. But God was just getting started.

His plan was glorify himself in Christ by giving himself for us in Christ so that he might give himself to us in Christ. This is important for us to remember that God's plan is Christ and all that he is doing in him. We may want to accomplish great things for God but he already has a plan that is infinitely greater than whatever it is that we think we want to accomplish.

This is one of the things that's ridiculous about reconstructionism. This idea that there's this mission or vision for some wonderful results that we want to produce. We are to do whatever God commands us to do and we are to serve have our God commands us to serve. We don't need to produce.

Some impressive thing because what God has already committed to doing it himself to doing in Christ is infinitely more impressive and forever than anything that. That we could accomplish. Even the building of the temple of Solomon is introduced to us in Scripture in the context of being infinitesimally less than what God has promising in.

Second Samuel chapter 7. So let's be zealous about our homework or chores or parenting or whatever else God has assigned to us today. As if we were building the temple. Because we're actually participating in an infinitely greater building project than the temple Trust I obeying and serving the Lord who's playing is Christ.

Let's pray.

Father we thank you for this portion of your word, we thank you. For how when David thought he had blessed so much that it had to be fulfilled that he hadn't even begun. To scratch the surface of what you did for him. Thank you for the knowledge that you're great plan is.

What you are accomplishing and have. Much accomplished in Christ we pray. For the continued gathering in and perfecting of all your saints. And for that great day in which it will be announced that. The dwelling place of God and the lamb is with his people. Make us to look forward.

To this everlasting and infinite glory. Which shall be revealed in us make us to claim only to Christ. Obeying by your grace and not thinking that you are benefiting from us or that we are accomplishing some great thing for you. Is help us to take to heart the.

Teaching of this portion of your word, we asking Jesus. Men