

Let's Worship God

4th-9th May 2026
2 Samuel



II SAMUEL

Monday - 2 Samuel 7:1-9 - God With Us

This is actually one of the most significant chapters in the whole Bible. It's one where God's great plan of salvation takes a huge step forward. In the first verse of the New Testament, Jesus is introduced as 'the son of David, the son of Abraham'. Well this chapter points us from the time of David back to the time of Abraham. But it also points us forward to the coming of Jesus.

David has captured Jerusalem and is living there in his palace. And as he says in v2, he doesn't think it's right for him to be living in a grand house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent. And Nathan the prophet, who's there with him - says: I know what you mean. 'Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you'. Nathan thinks it's so obvious that God would want David to do it, that he doesn't feel the need to check with God. Yet that night God speaks to Nathan and says 'tell David not to do it'.

David's motives here are genuine. He's motivated by the glory and honour of God - just as he was when he brought the ark to Jerusalem. David's priorities were bang on. Yet the human plan of David and Nathan had to be corrected by divine revelation. It's a reminder that good motives alone don't make something acceptable in God's sight. We always need to be guided by God's word.

God points out in v6 that he's been moving about in a tent for his dwelling. The God of all the earth - the one whom heaven and the highest heavens can't contain - has been living this nomadic existence, as it were, in a tent, which is a reference to the tabernacle, the worship tent, that stood right in the middle of the camp. But why? Why would he humble himself in that way? Because that's what his people have been doing. They've been moving about in a tent. So he has too. That tells us that the God of heaven is a God who identifies with his people. When God tells David in v9: 'I have been with you wherever you went', that's true of the people as well. He's been with the people of Israel through thick and thin. Remember that in the week ahead. You serve a God who is with his people. He proved it in the wilderness. And he proved it above all in the coming of Jesus.

Question

1. Why did God dwell in a tent? What does this point to in Jesus?

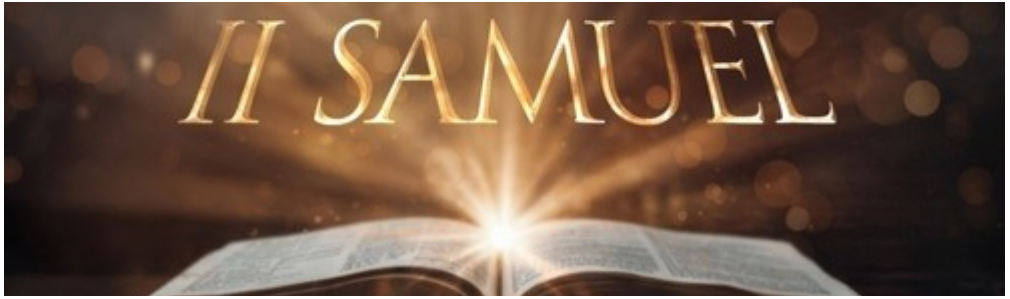
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God is with us in all things.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.” 2 Samuel 7:13

Praise: Psalm 89:1-4 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - 2 Samuel 7:7-16 - God Will Make Him a House

David thinks it's high time to build God a permanent structure. The LORD responds in v7 by saying that he had never asked any of the leaders of the people to build him a temple. What we do in the worship of God must be done at his initiative. It's not that God is against the idea of a temple. In fact in v13 he tells David that his son will build him a house, which is partially fulfilled in the temple that God allows Solomon to build for him. But for David, what will define him isn't what he does for God, but what God does for him. And that's always the way. That's the priority of the gospel. It's not about what we do for God - but about what God does for us. So at the heart of this chapter is the LORD's promise to David in v11 that he will make him a house.

The word covenant isn't used in this chapter. But it's used in other places in the Bible which refer back to this chapter, and at the heart of that covenant is God's promise to David that he will build him a house. God doesn't mean a house in the sense that David is using the word. But a house in the way we would use the word when speaking of a royal family. This is the promise of a dynasty. Saul's dynasty - his house - only lasted a few years longer than Saul himself. Ish-bosheth, his son, wasn't able to hold on to power for long, as we saw in chapter 4. But with David, it will be different.

This a kingdom that can't be destroyed by death. When David dies he can do so in the confidence that his kingdom will last long after he's gone. This is a kingdom that death can't end. Neither can sin stop it. Look at the middle of v14: 'When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him as I took it from Saul whom I put away from before you'. So though God will punish any individual king for their sin - the kingdom won't be taken away from the house of David, the way it was taken away from the house of Saul. To use the house illustration: sin can bring disaster on any current resident of the house - but it can't demolish the house. Sin can't stop it.

Question

1. What is at the heart of this covenant?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that the Gospel is about what God does for us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - 2 Samuel 7:9-17 - Security Through the King

Did you notice the word that occurred 3 times in the chapter and twice in v16? 'Forever'. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne will be established forever. God is going to build David a house that death can't destroy, sin can't stop, and time can't bring to an end.

It would be possible to read this chapter and say - how's any of this relevant for us? That's all very nice for David. The fact that he's being promised a kingdom that death can't destroy, that sin can't stop and that time can't end, it's quite a promise! But how does that affect us? How does it help us? What difference does that make to my life this week?

To answer that question we need to see first of all that this blessing on David was never just for his sake. David wasn't exalted for his own sake, but for the sake of God's people. To see that, just look at verses 9 through 11. Verses 9 and 11 are promises given to David. But sandwiched in between them is a promise for the people. v10: 'And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly'. The promises to David are for the sake of the people. David's kingship is what God is going to use to ensure that his people can dwell securely in the land.

We have to remember the time these people were emerging from. In the days of the judges people were being disturbed from dwelling securely in the land, violent men had been afflicting them. It hadn't been a peaceful time to live through. But under this new king, things are going to be different. God's promises to David here are really an echo and a fulfilment of his promises to Abraham - but with one significant development. Abraham had been promised that kings would come from him. Now that part of the promise is being fulfilled as well. And the people needed a king! If the book of Judges tells us anything, it's that without a stable king, all the other blessings are in jeopardy. The king is the lynchpin that secures all these other blessings. And now there is a stable, godly king on the throne.

Question

1. What does God promise David?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that our King, Christ, gives us true security.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - 2 Samuel 7:11-17 - The King Is God's Son

Another big development is that the king is now described as God's son. This is language that wasn't used of Saul. V14: 'I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son'. That's a verse that would be easy just to read without really grasping the significance of, but this is huge. It's the same sort of language as Psalm 2: 'The LORD said to me, You are my Son; today I have begotten you'. The true king of Israel is God's son, and this really paves the way for a key part of our understanding of who Jesus is. He would be both the son of David and the son of God. All these promises to David would ultimately be fulfilled in him. Prophets like Isaiah speak of a child who will be born, who will sit on David's throne, and be called 'Mighty God'. The Psalms speak of God's anointed king and say: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever'. This covenant with David does point back to Abraham and others, but it also very much points forward to the Lord Jesus.

By the end of the Old Testament, one of the key questions God's people faced was - had God's promises failed? David's descendants did reign on the throne for a long time, but not forever. Prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel kept talking about a future son of David who would come to the throne. They kept singing about it. Psalms like Psalm 132 v.11: 'The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne'. The 150 psalms were put together at a time when God's people were hoping and praying that the king they described would come. God's promises to David in this chapter are only properly fulfilled in Jesus.

Questions

1. How is the king described in verse 14?
2. Who are the promises in this chapter about?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for our eternal King.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Friday - 2 Samuel 7:11-17 - The King Is The Only Way

On one level, the promises of this chapter are about Solomon. In v14 there's a provision for when the promised one commits iniquity, and obviously that can't be true of Jesus. But although under Solomon the house of David reached it's height - and Solomon ruled over even more land than David did, it didn't last. By the next generation the kingdom was divided. And eventually the line of kings descended from David was at an end.

Yet the line of David continued. It's right there in Matthew chapter 1. And 1000 years after God's promises to David, a King is born who is able to perfectly fulfil them. He did come from David's body - he was born in the line of David. He built a house - a kingdom for God's name - and his Father established the throne of his kingdom forever. The Father's steadfast love never departed from the son - and as a result we can be sure that it will never depart from us either. His throne really was established forever.

This chapter tells us that God's king is at the centre of all God's blessings. Who's the covenant made with in this chapter? It's made with the king on behalf of the people. There's no access to God's blessing unless you come through him. It's the same today. If you want to know God's smile upon you - if you want to know his blessing on your life - you have to come to him through Jesus. There is no other way. Jesus said: 'I am the way, and the truth and the life: no-one comes to the Father except through me'.

You are part of a kingdom that: death can't destroy; sin can't stop; and time can't annul. What are the things that weight heavily on you as you think to the week ahead? Or the next 6 months? Or the next year? Is it a fear of death either for yourself or for a loved one? That's certainly the case for many people around us. But here's a reminder that you belong to a kingdom that death can't destroy. All death can do to a Christian is hasten them to their eternal reward.

Questions

1. How does Jesus perfectly fulfil these promises?
2. What is Jesus' kingdom like?

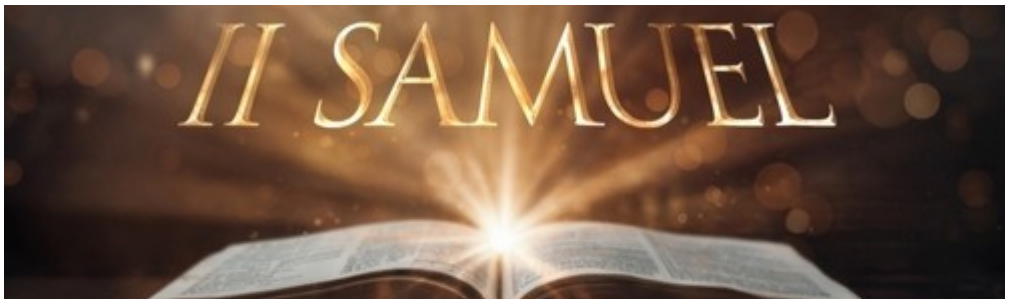
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that death cannot destroy Christ's kingdom.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Saturday - 2 Samuel 7:11-17 - An Unstoppable Kingdom

Perhaps what discourages you most is sin. Perhaps your own sins and failings are constantly getting you down. Or you're disillusioned as you look out at the sins of those who are meant to be God's people. Certainly, sin has consequences. V14 makes that clear. Sin only ever brings misery. But it can't derail the kingdom because the progress of the kingdom doesn't depend on our faithfulness. Sin can't stop it.

Or perhaps as you look ahead, you're just so conscious of the ravages of time. Maybe you think back to a year ago, and there are things you could do then that you can't do now. Or as you look to the future you just wonder how long you'll be able to keep doing the things you're doing. Everything around us is affected by the passing of time. Technology that's cutting edge today will seem clunky and brick-like in a few year's time. But here's something that time can't annul. One thing you can be absolutely sure of, no matter how uncertain the future seems, is that 'The Lamb Wins', and that his kingdom will endure.

How much of our time and energy do we spend on things that won't last? As Isaiah put it [55:2]: 'Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear and come to me; hear that your soul may live; And I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David'. Isaiah is saying that only in relationship with our covenant king can what we do in this world have any eternal value. We don't all need to be full-time Christian workers, but without doing our daily tasks with an eye to the king on the throne - it's all pointless. The people around you that you're tempted to be envious of, apart from Jesus Christ it's all futile. One day soon it will all turn to dust and slip through their fingers. But here's how to live a life on earth that actually counts for something - live it as part of the kingdom of God. Live it serving the Son of God who reigns on the throne. You're part of a kingdom that death can't destroy. That sin can't stop. And that time can't annul.

Question

1. How should we do our daily tasks?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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