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An Eternal Kingdom

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2 Samuel 7:4-16

Introduction: Still the **ark** is David's care as well as his joy. In this chapter we have, I. His consultation with Nathan about building a house for it; he signifies his purpose to do it (2 Samuel 7:1, 2) and Nathan approves his purpose, 2 Samuel 7:3. II. His communion with God about it. 1. A gracious message God sent him about it, accepting his purpose, countermanning the performance, and promising him an entail of blessings upon his family, 2 Samuel 7:4-17. 2. A very **humble prayer** which David offered up to God in return to that gracious message, thankfully accepting God's promises to him, and earnestly praying for the performance of them, 2 Samuel 7:18-29. And, in both these, there is an eye to the **Messiah** and **his kingdom**.

(Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible classic.studylight.org/com/mhc*)

2 Samuel 7:1-3, 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; 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. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do **ALL** that is in thine heart; for the **Lord** is **with thee**.

Thought 1. As ideas go, this is a good idea. He's not thinking of himself. He's thinking about the things of God, and how to fulfill what appears to him to be an obvious need. So, using the language of today, David would say "my vision" is to build a house for the Ark of God. This was about 1014 B.C.; and David has been king for about 8 years. Additionally he's about 38 years old. (Source: *The Reese Chronological Bible*)

The big question? Is "HIS vision" the WILL, and "VISION" of God? Without evidence to the contrary, it seems that this would be his will. And unless our Father SAYS otherwise, in his word, OR by his Spirit, he should press on. But today, we KNOW that we should always acknowledge him, FIRST, and he'll direct our paths. (Proverbs 3:5-7) And if what we're thinking about doing is not his desire, he'll reveal that to us! And if we truly desire to please him, out of REVERENCE for him, we'll REST in his will, and purpose for our lives.

NOTE: It is significant that **Nathan** did **not** here speak as **God's messenger**, but as merely a **friend** of the king. He did not say, Thus saith the Lord. Such an omission justifies our rejection of the false notion that this passage shows that, We are not intended to regard every utterance of a prophet in Scriptures as the infallible Word of God. Such a viewpoint applies only to statements in which the prophet **speaks** merely as **a man** and without the formula, **Thus saith the Lord**.

(Source: *Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/*)

2 Samuel 7:4-7, And it came to pass **that NIGHT**, that the **word** of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell **my servant** David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? 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. 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?

NOTE: We have here a full revelation of God's **favour** to David and the kind intentions of that favour, the notices and assurances of which God sent him by Nathan the prophet, whom he entrusted to deliver this long message to him. The design of it is to take him off from his purpose of building the temple and it was therefore sent, 1. By the same hand that had given him encouragement to do it, lest, if it had been sent by any other, Nathan should be **despised** and **insulted** and David should be **perplexed**, being encouraged by one prophet and discouraged by another. 2. The same night, that Nathan might not continue long in an error nor David have his head any further filled with thoughts of that which he must never bring to pass. God might have said this to David himself immediately, but he chose to send it by Nathan, to support the **honour** (RESPECT, reverence, GLORY) of his prophets, and to preserve in David a regard to them. Though he be the head, they must be the **eyes** by which he must see the **visions** of the Almighty, and the **tongue** by which he must HEAR the word of God. He that delivered this long message to Nathan assisted his memory to retain it, that he might deliver it fully (he being resolved to **deliver it faithfully**) as he received it of the Lord. Now in this message,

I. David's purpose to build God a house is superseded. God took notice of that purpose, for he knows what is in man; and he was well pleased with it, as appears 1 Kings 8:18, *Thou didst well that it was in thy heart;* yet he forbade him to go on with his purpose (2 Samuel 7:5): "*Shalt thou build me a house? No, thou shalt not* (as it is explained in the parallel place, **1 Chronicles 17:4**); there is other work **appointed for thee** to do, which must be done first." David is a man of war, and he must enlarge the borders of Israel, by carrying on their **conquests**. David is a **sweet psalmist**, and he must prepare **psalms** for the use of the temple when it is built, and settle the courses of the Levites; but his **son's genius** will better suit for building the house, and he will have a better treasure to bear the charge of it, and therefore let it be reserved for him to do. *As every man hath received the gift, so let him minister.*

(Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible* classic.studylight.org/com/mhc)

2 Samuel 7:8-9, 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: 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.

Thought 1. The Lord reveals the secret to being made great in these few verses. By saying David was his servant, he was saying that David had been obeying him. (Romans 6:16) He was a man after (following) God's own heart; walking **HUMBLY**; allowing the Lord to lead him. (1 Samuel 13:14)

Proverbs 3:34-35. Surely he **scorneth** (**scoff** [espises]) the **scorners** (**scoffers** [one who manifest contempt]): but he giveth **GRACE** unto the **lowly** (**humble.**). The **WISE** shall inherit **GLORY**: but **shame** shall be the promotion of **FOOLS**.

Thought 2. This scripture makes clear "ALL glory" is NOT for God only. Yes, IF we glorify him FIRST, he'll glorify us.

1 Samuel 2:30, Wherefore the LORD (Yahweh) God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now

the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for **THEM** that honour (**GLORIFY**) me **I will honour (GLORIFY)**, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

2 Samuel 7:10-13, *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 any more, as beforetime, 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 (family)**. 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**. He shall build an **house (temple)** for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom **for ever**.*

Thought 1. So, Nathan receives "God's vision" for David. He lets him know that it's not his will for David to build a house for the ark. But his will is that David's son build it! And that it will be built AFTER David has lived out his life. He won't even see it with his physical eyes! And remember, he's only 38 years old now!

Nathan's job is to tell him the word's of God in order for David's desire to change and line up; agree with, the word of God. What is more, the Lord works the same way today!

NOTE: This was not a promise that Israel would never be disturbed again; but that their disturbances and afflictions would not be of the intensity and frequency as formerly.

The Lord will make you a house (2 Samuel 7:11). The house which the Lord here promised to make for David has no reference whatever to a palace or to any kind of a physical residence. It is a promise that God would establish his **dynasty** as a **ruling family in Israel**, and that God would give David a great name among all the distinguished rulers over the kingdoms of men.

It is an indisputable fact that God did exactly what He here **promised** to do for David.

(Source: Coffman Commentaries on the Old & New Testament classic.studylight.org/com/bcc/)

2 Samuel 7:14-17, *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: But my **mercy** shall **not** depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established **for ever** before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. According to **ALL these words**, and according to **all** this **VISION**, so did Nathan **speak** unto David.*

Thought 1. Nathan did his job, which was to tell David what God said, as soon as possible! This was good news for him! However, the person that wants to stick to "their vision for the house" will not listen to the prophet, or apostle sent to them. Because of PRIDE, they will figure out a way to explain away, and ignore God's word. This is rebellion; even though, on the surface it appears: seems to be a good work. This highly displeases the Lord Jesus: the Chief Shepherd, who wants us to follow him, as he leads us, by his Spirit.

There is a mutual respect that we in the body of Christ should have for each others' ministry where we obey the word of God that's coming to us. And yes, we should verify the fact that first, it is his word. And it's easy when the minister is credible, as was Nathan.

NOTE: **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever:** The family of David did rule over Israel for more than four centuries, but was eventually removed because of evil added upon evil. Yet out of the "**stump**" of **Jesse**, God raised up a **new branch** that would reign for ever and ever (Isaiah 11:1-2).

d. **I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him:** This descendent of David will enjoy a special relationship with God. If he **SINS**, God will not reject him. Instead, God will **chasten** him without rejecting him. e. **Your throne shall be established forever:**

(Source: David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible classic.studylight.org/com/guz)