**2 Samuel 7** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+7/)

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**The Lord's Covenant with David**

7 Now when the king lived in his house

 and

 the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,

2 the king said to Nathan the prophet,

 “See now,

 I dwell in a house of cedar,

 but

 the ark of God dwells in a tent.”

3 And

 Nathan said to the king,

 “Go,

 do all

 that is in your heart,

 for the Lord is with you.”

4 But that same night

 the word of the Lord came to Nathan,

5 “Go

 and

 tell my servant David,

 ‘Thus says the Lord:

 Would you build me a house

 to dwell in?

6 I have not lived in a house

 since the day

 I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt

 to this day,

 but

 I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling.

7 In all places

 where I have moved with all the people of Israel,

 did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel,

 whom I commanded

 to shepherd my people Israel,

 saying,

 “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’

8 Now,

 therefore, thus

 you shall say to my servant David,

 ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts,

 I took you from the pasture,

 from following the sheep,

 that you should be prince over my people Israel.

9 And

 I have been with you

 wherever you went

 and

 have cut off all your enemies from before you.

 And

 I will make for you a great name,

 like the name of the great ones of the earth.

10 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,

11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel.

 And

 I will give you rest from all your enemies.

 Moreover,

 the Lord declares to you that

 the Lord will make you a house.

12 When your days are fulfilled

 and

 you lie down with your fathers,

 I will raise up your offspring after you,

 who shall come from your body,

 and

 I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a house for my name,

 and

 I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be to him a father,

 and

 he shall be to me a son.

 When he commits iniquity,

 I will discipline him with the rod of men,

 with the stripes of the sons of men,

15 but

 my steadfast love will not depart from him,

 as I took it from Saul,

 whom I put away from before you.

16 And

 your house

 and

 your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me.

 Your throne shall be established forever.’”

17 In accordance with all these words,

 and

 in accordance with all this vision,

 Nathan spoke to David.

**David's Prayer of Gratitude**

18 Then

 King David went in

 and

 sat before the Lord

 and

 said,

 “Who am I, O Lord God,

 and

 what is my house,

 that you have brought me thus far?

19 And yet

 this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God.

 You have spoken also of your servant's house

 for a great while to come,

 and

 this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God!

20 And

 what more can David say to you?

 For you know your servant, O Lord God!

21 Because of your promise,

 and

 according to your own heart,

 you have brought about all this greatness,

 to make your servant know it.

22 Therefore you are great, O Lord God.

 For there is none like you,

 and

 there is no God besides you,

 according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And

 who is like your people Israel,

 the one nation on earth

 whom God went to redeem

 to be his people,

 making himself a name

 and

 doing for them great

 and

 awesome things

 by driving out before your people,

 whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt,

 a nation

 and

 its gods?

24 And

 you established for yourself your people Israel

 to be your people forever.

 And

 you, O Lord, became their God.

25 And now,

 O Lord God,

 confirm forever the word

 that you have spoken

 concerning your servant

 and

 concerning his house,

 and

 do

 as you have spoken.

26 And

 your name will be magnified forever,

 saying,

 ‘The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,’

 and

 the house of your servant David will be established before you.

27 For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel,

 have made this revelation to your servant,

 saying,

 ‘I will build you a house.’

 Therefore your servant has found courage

 to pray this prayer to you.

28 And now, O Lord God,

 you are God,

 and

 your words are true,

 and

 you have promised this good thing to your servant.

29 Now therefore

 may it please you

 to bless the house of your servant,

 so that it may continue forever before you.

 For you, O Lord God, have spoken,

 and with your blessing

 shall the house of your servant

 be blessed forever.”