**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.”