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- I. **DAVID’S DESIRE EXPRESSED!** (Vs. 1-3)
- A. *David’s Desire Was A Good Desire!*
 - B. *David’s Desire Was A Gracious Desire!*
 - C. *David’s Desire Was A Godly Desire!*
- II. **DAVID’S DENIAL EXPERIENCED!** (Vs. 4-17)
- A. *It Was Tempered By God’s Provisions!*
Nathan reminded David how he had been made a partaker of God’s rest, God’s peace, God’s victory and God’s power.
 - B. *It Was Tempered By God’s Promises/Plans!*
David had a desire to build a house for the LORD; but the LORD told David that He (the LORD) was going to build David a house! Not a building, but a lasting legacy.

Then in verses 12-15, the terms of what we know as the Davidic Covenant are given.

- III. **DAVID’S DEVOTION EXHIBITED!** (Vs. 18-29)
What was David’s response to God’s “No”? These closing verses reveal that his response was one of utter devotion to the Lord!

David is a great example here revealing what our response should be when our dreams are shattered as well.

- A. **David’s Devotion Was A Humble Devotion!**
Notice what David did. In *verse 18*, he went in and “*sat before the Lord.*” Then, he acknowledged the fact that **he was unworthy of the blessing of the LORD!**

In *verse 20*, like a little child, he referred to himself in the third person. In *verses 19-22*, **David praised the Lord for His blessings, His grace and His wonderful love for His children.** David, the mighty king, assumed the place of a humble child before the presence of the Lord.

- B. **David’s Devotion Was A Holy Devotion!**
Even though David did not get his way in the matter, he was willing to accept God’s plan for his life.

His words here are filled with praise for the God he loves.

Unlike some folks who pout when they do not get their way, David just praised the Lord because He trusted God to know and to do that which is best all the time!

- C. **David’s Devotion Was An Honorable Devotion!**
David accepted God’s promises and acknowledged God’s ability to bring them all to pass.

In his prayer, David revealed a heart that was willing to accept God’s plan, even though it didn’t line up with what he originally wanted to do.

The thrust of David’s prayer in *verses 27-29* could be described as having a “*thy kingdom come, thy will be done*” mind set.

This is why David was called “*a man after God’s Own heart.*”

What should our response be when God says “No”?

We should first remember that **we are who we are and have what we have because of His good grace in our lives!**

We should remember that He is the Potter and we are but the clay.

We should assume the place of a humble child before His presence and trust Him to do that which is best.

e.g. Paul’s attitude – Phil. 1:21.

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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Our goal in life should not be to reach our dreams, but rather to see God’s perfect will carried out in our lives. There is no greater honor than being used by the Lord to bring glory to His name, even it isn’t the way we hoped it would happen!

1 Corinthians 10:31 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Conclusion

David was not allowed to build the Lord’s Temple. But, he was allowed to make preparations for his son to build the Temple.

In 1 Chronicles 22:1-19, we read how David prepared all the materials necessary for the construction of the building.

In 1 Chron. 28:1-17, David gave Solomon the plans and the instructions necessary to build the Temple.

So, in the end, David was still a part of seeing to it that the building of the Temple was accomplished. It did not happen as he may have wanted it, but he still got to be part of God’s plan!

Has God said “No!” to something in your life? Why not let God be God! He knows better than us and the plans He has for us are actually far beyond what we deserve!