

► INTRODUCTION

Throughout this series, we have seen the 1 true God and his 1 plan of redemption for 1 people. We saw how God's people, established & regulated by the Word, strengthened & assured by the sacraments. Today we'll look at **God's one kingdom & the one Messiah!**

► David's Present Situation (1-2)

The king was dwelling in his house of cedar:

- Cedar wood was a luxurious item: light in weight, soft, durable, it smells good (Eze 31).
- David had wealth and stability, enabling him to build a grand palace.

The Lord had given him rest from all enemies all around:

- David's perspective is aligned with God. He remembers his unworthiness and God's grace.
- David finds rest in God even though not all his enemies are subdued yet (2 Sam 8).

See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains:

- David assessed and compared his situation accurately: "What I have received vs. what I have given to God."
- David longed to serve God with what he had.

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Discontentment comes from selfishness—putting self as god. It robs all joy. It breeds envy.

Application:

- ☛ **Be content** in the Lord! Take every thought captive to obey Christ (2 Cor 10:5).
- ☛ Trust that **you can rest** in Jesus Christ now, no matter how life/the world looks like today.
- ☛ Serve God **now**, don't wait for your "ideal" situation, because the heart always wants more.

► David's Plan (3-5)

David, out of a thankful heart, planned to build a house for God (verse 5).

Prophet Nathan supported the idea. It was a good plan/intention, but God has a different plan!

Application:

- ☛ Let us "**outdo**" in loving and service, both to the Lord and to one another! (Rom 12:10).
- ☛ True love and service are the **response of a thankful heart** after all God has done for us! Applicable to all relationships: God/man, husband/wife, parent/child, work, friendship, etc.
- ☛ Commit your plans to the Lord! Our plans could be good, but his plans are **always better!** Don't be discouraged when God does not allow our plans of serving him/others to pass. It doesn't always mean your plan is bad/sinful, but he definitely has way better plans for you!

Psa 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.

Prov 19:21 There are many plans in man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

► God's Present Situation (6-7)

God does not change! But throughout the redemptive history, God **condescended** and **came to dwell** with his people.

1 Ki 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I [Solomon] have built!"

Yahweh was so near to his redeemed people, he even dwelled in a tent like his people.
How much nearer is our Immanuel!

Deu 4:7 For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon him?

Ultimately the Triune God came to dwell with and in us, his church!

(Mat 18:20; 28:20; Joh 14:17, 23; Eph 2:21-22; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19-20; Rev 1:13)

Application:

- ☛ Live in the presence of the Lord, **live** a life worthy of his presence!
- ☛ Sin separates man from God. But he comes to seek the lost. **Draw near** to God!
For believers, God is always with us. But sin dulls our sensitivity to his presence.
Mat 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!
Jam 4:8 ... Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts!
Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- ☛ As Jesus emptied himself to serve, let us also **serve** one another! God allows your present situation to enable us to trust God, to serve him, to empathize with others, to serve others.

► God's Perfect Plan (8-11)

2 Sam 7:8 ... Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel."

Yahweh: Lord of hosts
David: one from sheepfold
Because God calls, David's life is changed!

Why does God bestow his grace and promises to an undeserving shepherd boy?

David is a man after God's own heart. But what does this mean?

1 Sam 13:14 But now your [Saul's] kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.

✗ The man's heart is full of God.
✓ God's heart is focused on the man.
The man is a man of God's own choosing. -John Woodhouse

Better translation: God chose a man based on His sovereign will, his own heart.
The reason for choosing: God's own heart, God's own good pleasure.
The result of God's election: David's life is changed, conformed to God's heart.

Illustration: We chose one out of two identical things. There is nothing in it that persuades us to prefer one to another. The seat you chose, the Bibles that you picked. The things we chose do not always get transformed for the better. **But God's election transforms us for the better, 180°!**

He whom God chose, God called, redeemed, justified, adopted, sanctified, glorified: LOVED!

Consistent pattern: God's sovereign election changes filthy sinners to slaves of righteousness.

- God has favour on Noah (Gen 6:8). Noah is made righteous (Gen 6:9).
- God called Abram (Gen 12:1). So Abram went (Gen 12:4).
- God chose Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Israel over other nations, etc.

Application:

- ☛ **Believe** that you are called and loved by God! You are in his heart, he **died** for you!
- ☛ **Live** for God, keep his Word in your heart!

All God's plans for David are OURS through faith in Christ Jesus!

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| ⁸ I took you from ... to ... | From dead to life; from sin to righteousness. |
| ⁸ I made you ruler over ... | Rule over sin, rule the world with Christ! (Rev 2:26-27) |
| ⁹ I've been with you wherever | Ever-present God with us, "Whom shall I fear?" (Psa 46, 27) |
| ⁹ I've cut off all your enemies | Recount all the times he set you free from sin and evil! |
| ⁹ I have made you a great name | We are known as ambassadors of Christ, even his beloved! |
| ¹⁰ I will appoint a place and plant them, cause them to dwell and move no more! | Forever with God in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. <i>Psa 16:8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not be moved.</i> |
| ¹¹ Rest from all enemies | We are more than conquerors; Jesus will defeat all enemies! |
| ¹¹ He will make you a house | House: dynasty. We are adopted as God's children to rule! |

We receive these promises **corporately** as the body of Christ, **not individually!**

Application:

- ☛ Find your identity in Christ, fix your eyes on the cross!
- ☛ Do not let the standard of the world make you doubt God's love and plans for you!
- ☛ Align your plans with his! Make the business of **his kingdom** your business!

▶ The Messiah and His Kingdom Promised (12-16)

| Promise | Solomon | Jesus |
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| ¹² David's seed from his own flesh and blood | ✓ | ✓ |
| ¹³ The Seed will build a house for God's name | Physical temple | The Church! |
| ¹³ God will establish the Seed's kingdom forever | ✗ | ✓ |
| ¹⁴ God will be the Seed's Father, he God's son | Adopted through Christ | The Son of God! |

2 Sam 7:14 As a Father, God disciplined Solomon and all his children. But Jesus did not commit any iniquity, yet he was chastened with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men!

*Isa 53:4-5 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes, we are healed.*

2 Sam 7:15 *But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.*

In summary, we see the partial fulfillment in Solomon, but the complete fulfillment in Jesus because Old Testament saints received grace in and through Christ. They enjoy the limited benefits of the New Covenant that has been foretold.

David did not know the extent of this promise. Isaiah could not fully comprehend the "comfort" he preached about.
How blessed are we to have the full disclosure of this great mystery!

Col 1:26-27 The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Application:

- ☛ If you are in Christ, you may be **assured** that God's mercy shall **never** depart from you!
- ☛ David still has enemies (2 Sam 8), but he rests in God even in the presence of his enemies. Evil might be so near around us, the outlook might not seem promising for the Church, but fear not, doubt not, **find rest** in God's word, **fight** the good fight of faith, **finish** the race!

▶ **The Message Preached (17)**

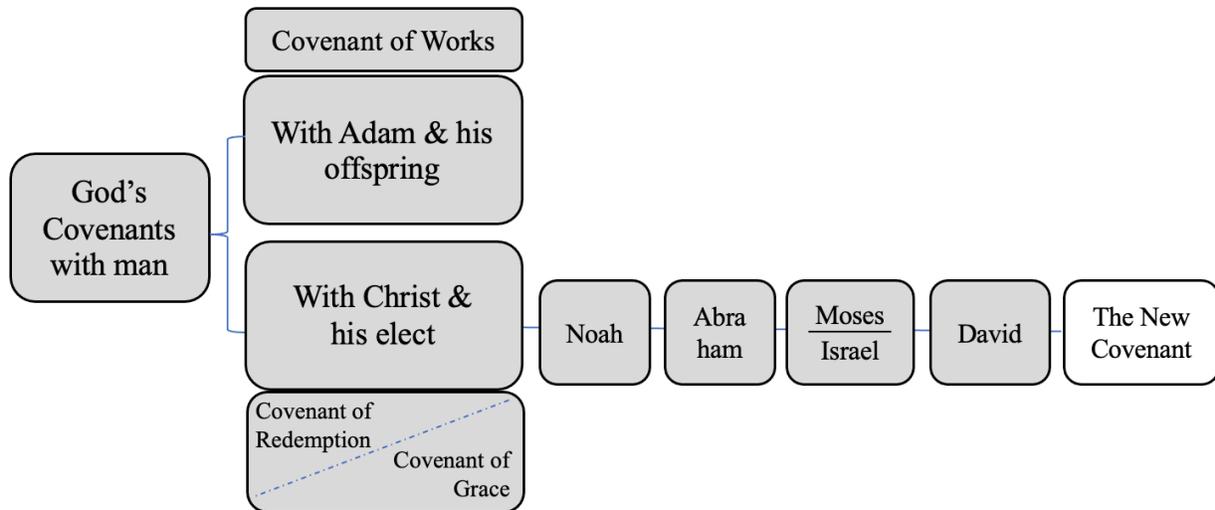
According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

These words are declared to you today; the promises are for you in Christ Jesus.

When Jesus comes, he will destroy all his enemies, those who are not with him.

Come to Jesus. Join the Kingdom that has no end, where Christ reigns forever more!

In this series:



- CoR : The Trinity covenanted to elect and redeem a people for God's glory.
- CoW : Every man is God's image bearer thus all must reflect the glory of God.
- CoG : Man failed. God promised the Seed who will deliver us and fulfill this duty.
- w/ Noah : Day-night-season-harvest will be **sustained** for that day when the Seed comes! (rainbow)
- w/ Abraham : **People, land, and blessings** promised, to be fulfilled by the Seed! (circumcision)
- w/ Moses : Nation and priesthood established, law is given, to be fulfilled by the Seed! (law)
- w/ David : Eternal king and eternal kingdom promised, to be fulfilled by the Seed! (throne)
- New Cov. : **Circumcision** of the heart, **law** written in the heart, God **enthroned**, to be fulfilled by the Seed!