

God's Perspective on Things

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2 Samuel 7:1-17

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A Most Important Chapter

- This chapter is key in God progressively unfolding plan of salvation
- Fall; Promise^{Gen3:15}; sin grows; flood; God calls Abraham^{Gen12}; Jacob > Egypt; into land promised to Abraham^{Gen15}; Judges; Samuel > peace
- This chapter is theological center of entire Samuel corpus^{R.D. Phillips}
- David now desires to build God a house

David's Situation

- David has a house and is given rest¹
- David doesn't do 'idleness' well

David's Proposal

- David doesn't do well sitting around on the roof - man of action
- Tells Nathan he desire to build God a house
- Prophet Nathan agrees initially
- David was a man after God's own heart^{15:13:14}
- David took his plans/desires before Godly counsel - Nathan

Even God's Servants are but Men

- Nathan initially agreed – kept w/ place for worship^{Deut12:10-11}
- But Nathan got it wrong – didn't seek the Lord
- Beware servants are not infallible - only God's Word is!

God's Perspective

- God was gracious & faithful^{Psa103:13-14} - God came to Nathan⁴
- God calls David, God's servant⁵ - so are believers^{Mt25:23; 1C3:9; 1P2:16}
- David does not have God's perspective⁵

God Alone Provides Salvation

- God provides for His people
- The grand logic of salvation is that God's plan of grace never calls for man to build a house for God... rather, God builds salvation for His people and through them builds a house for His own name
- God always conquers enemies first; then God builds a house for Himself in the midst of His people
- God defeated Pharaoh; people plundered Egypt; Tabernacle built
- God has a plan for David¹²⁻¹⁶
 - God built a house for David⁸ by establishing dynasty
 - God defeated all His & David's enemies⁹
 - God will provide rest and build a house¹⁰⁻¹¹
 - God will even provide the one who will build the house¹²⁻¹³
 - More than Solomon: Jesus Believers=house^{Eph2:22; 1Pt2:4-5}
 - Near & Far applications¹⁴⁻¹⁶
- Salvation is by God's grace alone from beginning to end!
- We don't make ourselves fit to dwell with God... religion
- God makes the way and builds the house to dwell with us
- David refers to house as a place; God refers to a dynasty/spiritual
- Note that God does the work of setting David up as king⁸⁻⁹
- Promise is similar to the promise to Abraham^{Gen12:2-3} - expansion
- Only do what God has commanded us to do: Regulative Principle

God's Promises for Israel's Blessings

- God corrected David's misplaced zeal w/ glorious promises
- known as the Davidic Covenant

God Does the Work

- *I will make you a great name*⁹ just like promise to Abraham^{Gen12:2}
- contrast w/ idolaters at Babel - *let us make a name for ourselves*^{Gen11:4}
- We can't come to God on our own terms - only God's
- God makes the place for us to dwell with Him^{10; Rev22:5}
- God grants believers His Rest¹¹ Chp 8 - David's further victories
- All these promises are fulfilled in Christ^{2Cor1:20}