

In Awe of God's Grace - Pray God's Promises

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2 Samuel 7:18-29

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A Profound Reality

- God's Words to David thru Nathan^{7:1-12} provided hope & joy
- David's response was to go and sit before the Lord¹⁸ and pray
 - A Prayer of Wonder 18-22
 - David's Marvel at God's Redeemed People 23-24
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A Prayer of Wonder at God's Grace to David 18-22

- David marvels over God's previous grace to him: shepherd>prince
- Isaiah^{Isa6:5}; Abraham^{Gen18:27}; God's people are humble before God
- Antidote to our narcissistic culture - seeing God's purposes
- David didn't see great things but saw God's hand in history
- God's plan was to use David's family to bring forth true King who would redeem God's people
- David declares *this is instruction for mankind*¹⁹ - the Gospel Truth!
- David praises God he gets to be part of God's plan²⁰⁻²²
- Believers should also praise God^{Eph2:4-7}

David's Marvel at God's Redeemed People 23-24

- David declares God's blessings on His people Israel²³⁻²⁴
- Israel is unique because they are a **redeemed** people
- New Covenant believers are also a **redeemed** people^{1Pet1:18-21}
- God's people are a **preserved** people²⁴
- Word play: establish 3x¹²⁻¹⁶; forever 3x^{13,16} on God's people
- Abraham & David genetics plus those who walk in faith^{Rm9:6-10:4}
- Promise of Christ who redeems a people²⁴ to be His own^{Eph1:3-10}
- Those people He redeems are also **privileged** people^{Gen17:7;Ex6:7} because God will dwell with His people forever^{2Cor6:16}

David Praying God's Promises - God's Will 25-29

- David moves from praise to petition: promises>historical reality
- Jesus, David's Son taught prayer of God's promises^{Mt6:9-10}
- Let us pray like David did: petition God to bring about His promises

Praying God's Promises

- Pray you will know God's steadfast love and your children & grandchildren likewise - Psa 103:7
- Pray for God's peace and your seeking His Kingdom trusting God to provide what you need - Mt 6:31-33
- Pray you will keep God's commands and abide in His steadfast love - John 15:9-10
- Pray you will walk in holiness and be sanctified - 1 Thess 4:3-4
- Pray you will live a life of joy & thanksgiving so others will see Christ in you - 1 Thess 5:16-18
- Pray that you might live such a holy life that others will see Christ in you - 1 Pet 2:15-16
- Learn to pray God's promises like David did for God's glory^{Titus2:14}!