

The Praise of the Lord

II Samuel 7:18-29

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Summary: David, being disturbed that his house of cedar was better than the tent of the Lord, had just been told that God would build a house for him; a kingdom which would never end. David's response in prayer is a remarkable demonstration of praise, as he expresses personal humility, reverence for God and solid faith in His Word.

1. A. How does David begin his prayer to the Lord and what does this tell us about him?

II Samuel 7:18

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- B. David was in a tremendous position of success, firmly established as king of Israel, and yet he knew it was God who did it all. He was not puffed up from all of his accomplishments. Why?

II Samuel 7:19-21, Psalm 23, 25:4-22, Romans 9:16

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- C. No matter how far God has brought you, do you approach Him with humility? The world is busy making man great and making God small. But the reverse is the actual state of affairs. Really, when we humble ourselves, that is where we truly belong, is it not? Especially compared to His greatness, and the sovereignty of His grace, who are we?

Chronicles 29:11-14, John 15:4-5, Romans 5:6-10, Ephesians 2:1-5, Titus 3:3-7

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2. A. Something about God consumed the heart of David as he prayed. What was it?

II Samuel 7:22

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- B. What were the mighty works of God from David's perspective? He redeems His people for whom, and what does that mean? How is that still the case today?

II Samuel 7:23-24, I Corinthians 6:19-20, II Corinthians 5:15, II Timothy 1:9, I Peter 2:24

C. Do you have a desire to perk up your own adoration and reverence before God? Why not invest real time to be occupied with the riches of His grace? Should we not be consumed with God's greatness and might, as David was? Should we not feed on the LORD Jesus Christ who reigns supreme in majesty and righteousness? Psalm 90:1-12, 119:38, 145:1-13, Isaiah 45:18-25, Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 1:8-18

3. A. What does David request according to II Samuel 7:25?

B. David requested that God confirm His promise for what purpose? As a result, this in turn multiplied the confidence of David how?
II Samuel 7:26-29

C. Do you want more boldness in your prayers? How can we go wrong if we pray the Scriptures? But in addition to this, David was developing a greater mindset of faith, of invincible grace. And so can we, as we pursue the glory of Christ and feed upon His unshakable promises.
Psalm 37:3-6, II Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 6:16-20, 11:1