**God’s Promise to David**

 2Samuel 7:1-27 (Key verse 7:16)

*“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”*

1. What did David say to Nathan after he was settled in his palace? (1-2) How does Nathan encourage him and why? (3) What did God say to Nathan? (4-5) How has the ark been housed from the time when God brought the Israelites up out of Egypt? (6) What did God say about building a house of cedar for the ark and why? (7)
* “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”
* He encouraged him by saying to David, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.” Because the Lord has been with David throughout, so the Lord was not going to abandon David at this point, especially after becoming the king
* He never asked the rulers of Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar.” Because that was not the perfect time, the Lord planned everything, and the house was going to be built from the household of David.
* David really wanted to serve God, hence he wanted to build a house of God. David was really concerned about the things of God.
* God was telling David that he does not really need a house. However, what David showed to God was a genuine concern towards God.
1. How has God blessed David? (8-9a) What does God promise David? (9b-11a) What did God say He will establish for David? (11b, 13b) Who will build a house for God’s name? (12-13a) What do you think it means that God will be his father and he will be his son? (14) How is God’s relationship with his son different from his relationship with Saul? (15) What is God’s covenant for David and his descendants? (16)
* This is how God blessed David, read 8 – 9a
* Basically, the Lord promised David that he will make David the greatest man in the world, he will provide a house for his people Israel and protect them from harm. The Lord will also establish a house for David
* A house and a throne for the David’s offspring
* The offspring of king David will build the house
* I think it means that the Lord will guide him, help him to grow spiritually, help him to build the house and be always there for him.
* The difference is that God never stops loving his sons
* God promised David eternal things, that he will establish a house for him, his kingdom and his throne will be established and endure forever through his off springs. This shows God’ great love for David and his family.
1. What did David do after hearing God’s revelation? (18) What has God spoken about concerning the house of David, and why? (19-21) How does David praise God? (22) What is David’s testimony concerning what God has done for Israel (23, 24)
* David prayed after hearing the revelation from God
* God spoke about the future concerning the house of David, that it will endure forever. Because it is through the line of David that the saviour will be born to the world
* David praised God highly, by saying read the verses
* David from the decree that God made, he begun to understand that God will save the world through the kingdom of David, where Christ will be born. This shows the sovereignty of God.
* David called God sovereign because he acknowledged that God is the ruler and in control, which shows that he accepts what God is telling him and surrounding to him. Also, this shows that his faith was based on the sovereignty of God, there was not doubt in him regarding God.
* David could pray because acknowledged that God is sovereign, and he was encouraged. He was also humble before God and accepted God’s promises.
* The effectiveness of his promises in our lives lies on who God is in our lives, his sovereignty.
* God brought Jesus to die for us, I must accept Jesus as my Lord and saviour because he is sovereign. So, we must always find courage to pray because of what God did for us.
* As Christians we must never doubt God, because he is sovereign, his word is sovereign. So, we must our faith in his sovereignty.
1. What did David ask God to do, and why? (25-26) What gave David courage to pray to God? (27) What does David say concerning the covenant that God had made? (28) What did David pray as he closes his prayer? (29)
* David asked God to keep his promise because people will then know that the Lord almighty is God over Israel. That there is only one God, and he is real
* David got the courage to pray to God after God revealed to him that he will build a house for him
* That the covenant of God is trustworthy