

“The Lord Will Build A House For You”

2 Samuel 7:11-13

In the Bible, the word “house” is used to mean at least one of three things: a physical dwelling (Ruth 2:7), or to a family (Gen. 7:1) and is also a word for the temple, the house of God at Jerusalem (2 Chron 7:16).

King David wanted to build a temple/house of God for the ark of God. We can infer from the Scripture that God had two reasons for declining:

1. (v5-7) God did not task or appointed David to do it.

2. (v11) - God had a different plan. God did not want King David to build Him a house. Instead, God wanted to build David a house, a dynasty of kings.

*“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish/build a house for you. (v11-12)*

- I will build your family. I will build your legacy, which will be remembered through all generations. And so God established an everlasting covenant to David.

There’s more to God’s covenant to David.

a) Prominence/popularity (fame) – “I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth.” (v8-9)

David’s rise to prominence and power was compelling evidence of God’s presence in David’s life (v3) “go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.”

b) Place (home) – “I will provide a homeland for the nation of Israel.” God will plant them secure; they would no longer wander around the desert. A place that is peaceful with no

enemies to bother them; no enemies to disturb them, no evil nation to oppress them anymore as in the past (v10).

c) Peace – “I will give you rest from all your enemies (v11)

d) Power, dominion, and authority — “I will make a house for you a dynasty of kings!” (v11)

God’s covenant with David is alive as ever today through the Son of David, the Messiah. The dynasty of Jesus, the Son of David, the Messiah’s throne is the one prophesied to be established and last forever! (Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:32-33, Acts 2: 22-23)

All that David wanted is to build God a house. But, God wanted to build David a house instead.

*Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, he who labors build in vain."*

Our success as a society depends not on what happens in the Parliament House but on what happens inside your house and mine.

All that David wanted is to build God a house. God saw his heart *‘I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’* And God honored him with an everlasting covenant.

When you build the house of God, God builds your house that far outweighs what you put into His House. He blesses your house (physical dwelling and family) in ways that no one can.

Matthew 21:12-13 - Jesus wants us to build His house. He wants his house clean. He wants his house a refuge for sinners and believers alike. Let's open God's house to all and Let's do it together!