



SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

SERIES

Seeking God's Kingdom — Part 39

When God Has Other Plans



NOTES

2 SAMUEL 7

1) 2 Samuel 7:1-7 — *A good idea, but not God's plan*

Sincere intentions still remain under the King's authority



- David lived in a cedar palace while the ark remained in a tent
- Nathan agreed: "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead"
- But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan
- The LORD had never asked David to build Him a house of cedar
- A good desire can still need to be redirected by God

2 2 Samuel 7:8–17 — *The LORD builds David's house*

God establishes what David could never build for himself



- The LORD took David from the pasture and placed him over Israel
- God promised to plant, protect, and give rest to His people
- David wanted to build God's house; God promised to build David's "house"
- Solomon would build the temple
- David's throne would endure — ultimately fulfilled in Jesus

3 2 Samuel 7:18–29 — *The servant before the King*

Surrendered prayer trusts God's promise and seeks God's name



- David responded: “Who am I, Sovereign LORD?”
- He called himself “your servant” ten times in this prayer
- The human king placed himself under the authority of the true King
- David prayed, “Do as you promised”
- God would make David’s name great; David wanted God’s name great forever

DAVID'S PLAN

Build a house for the LORD

GOD'S PROMISE

Build David's house / dynasty

JESUS

The Son of David
reigns forever



MAIN TAKEAWAY

Seeking God's Kingdom means surrendering our plans to the King so that we can participate in what He's building.



REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I surrendered enough to allow the LORD to redirect my heart?



PRAYER / RESPONSE

Jesus, teach me Your way. Shape my heart. Teach me to want what You want.

WHEN GOD HAS OTHER PLANS

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*The King determines what His kingdom requires,
not us.*



KEY SCRIPTURES

1. 2 Samuel 7:1-2

"...living in a house of cedar...
ark of God remains in a tent."



2. 2 Samuel 7:5-7

"Are you the one to build
me a house...?"



3. 2 Samuel 7:11b-13

"The LORD himself will
establish a house for you..."



4. 2 Samuel 7:15-16

"Your house and your
kingdom will endure
forever..."



5. Psalm 86:11

"Teach me your way, LORD..."



1

THE SETUP

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2

THE LORD'S RESPONSE

Not your house for Me



- The LORD never asked David to build Him a house of cedar.
- God's kingdom is established according to His purposes, not ours.
- Sincere intentions still remain under the King's authority.

3

THE LORD'S PROMISE

My house for you



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JESUS

The complete fulfillment



- The promise to David ultimately reaches Jesus.
- "The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David."
- The Son of David reigns forever.
- God's forever-kingdom promise is completed in Christ.

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DAVID'S RESPONSE

The servant before the King



- David responded: "Who am I, Sovereign LORD?"
- He called himself "your servant" throughout the prayer.
- David prayed, "Do as you promised."
- God would make David's name great, but David wanted God's name great forever.
- Surrendered prayer places us truthfully before God.



HOUSE CONTRAST

Two houses. One greater plan.

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