

COVENANTS SERIES | HOPE CHAPEL

# THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

Week 5 | Looking Forward | God's Grace Forever  
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**Big Idea:** *The Davidic Covenant is the hinge between the temporary and the eternal — God's promise of a king who reigns forever, a house that stands forever, and a love that never departs. All of it finds its complete fulfilment in Jesus.*

## Introduction

This is the last covenant from the Old Testament before the series culminates at Easter with the New Covenant in Jesus. The Davidic Covenant has been described as a hinge — between old and new, temporary and eternal, transient and permanent. It is laced with grace from beginning to end.

All the covenants have been overlapping, building on each other, each one revealing more of God's redemptive heart. The Adamic covenant emphasised identity. The Noahic covenant emphasised cosmic grace. The Abrahamic covenant emphasised promise. The Mosaic covenant emphasised holiness and presence. Now the Davidic covenant shifts the emphasis from the physical to the spiritual, from now to forever.

**2 Samuel 7:12–16** *When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son... But my steadfast love will not depart from him... Your throne shall be established forever.*

This prophecy was spoken approximately 1,000 years before the birth of Jesus. David was the king of a united Israel, having succeeded the corrupt King Saul. And at this point of peace and security, God made David a promise that would far outlast his own reign — a dynasty that would never end.

### Partial and Complete Fulfillments

Many biblical prophecies have a partial fulfilment close in time and a complete fulfilment later. The covenant with David is no different. Solomon partially fulfilled it by building the temple. The kings of David's line partially fulfilled the dynasty promise. But the complete fulfilment of every promise made to David is Jesus Christ. As Galatians 3 explains of the

Abrahamic promise, and as Peter declares in Acts 2 about David's own psalms — David foresaw the resurrection of Christ and a king who would reign forever.

We are naturally fixated on temporary things. We pour our hope into things we can see and feel. But the Davidic Covenant opens a door to something permanent — and in a world full of temporary things, God offers covenant blessings that last forever.

## PERMANENT PROTECTION

A king who reigns forever

## PERMANENT PRESENCE

A house that stands forever

## PERMANENT LOVE

A love that never departs

### POINT 1 | Permanent Protection

Under David, Israel was united, strong, and secure. But David knew he couldn't rule forever. Here God promised him something extraordinary: a descendant who could rule forever. For someone to reign forever, he would have to be immortal.

David understood this. In Psalms 16 and 110, David wrote of a king who would live forever and permanently reign over and protect God's people. Peter, preaching at Pentecost in Acts 2, quotes these very psalms and declares: David foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of Christ.

**2 Samuel 7:13, 16** *He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... Your throne shall be established forever.*

**Luke 12:6–7** *Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

Jesus is the permanent protector of his covenant people, now and forever. No rebellious plot can overthrow him. He governs all things. He is always there.

**Reflect:** *Do our actions and words actually reflect that we believe Jesus is our permanent protector? Does the way we use our time and money demonstrate that we believe Jesus is Lord over every part of our lives? What are you fearing right now — and can you bring it to him?*

### POINT 2 | Permanent Presence

At this point in the story, David was living in a palace of cedar. But the Ark of the Covenant — the symbol of God's presence — was still in a tent. David wanted to build God a

permanent house. But God's response was remarkable: it is not David who will build God a house — it is God who will build David a house.

**2 Samuel 7:11, 16** *The Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house... Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me.*

In those times, 'house' was synonymous with dynasty — an era in which power and rule belong to one family. God promised David that he would be the first king of a dynasty that would never end. God's permanent presence would be with this everlasting dynasty.

### From Tent to Temple to You

David's son Solomon did build a temple. But that temple was eventually destroyed. Then rebuilt. Then destroyed again. God had no permanent house on earth.

But then something changed. The permanent house of God is not a building — it is the church. The people in whom His Holy Spirit dwells.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*

**Ephesians 2:19–22** *You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone... In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

God's presence moved from a tent — to the temple — to the hearts of his people gathered as the church. The church is not a building. The Greek word *ecclesia* simply means 'public assembly.' We are the church. God's pursuit was never for real estate. God's pursuit is for your heart.

Your heart was bought with a price that no person could ever afford. It was purchased with the blood of Jesus. Not temporal. Eternal.

**Reflect:** *The local church is a necessity, not an optional extra. Not a perfect building — but a community of people in whom God's Spirit dwells. If Jesus is the cornerstone and this is God's house, why wouldn't we want to be here? Why wouldn't we want to be involved?*

## POINT 3 | Permanent Love

**2 Samuel 7:14–15** *I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men... but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.*

God had a special, enduring relationship with the kings in David's dynasty — and through them, with the people of their kingdom. Even when they sinned, God's covenant love would not depart. The discipline was real, but the love was permanent.

The kings who came after David needed that discipline. They were not perfect. But sin didn't dissolve God's covenant relationship. The steadfast love remained.

### Complete Fulfilment in Jesus

The complete fulfilment of this prophecy is Jesus. But notice: Jesus committed no sin. He had nothing to be disciplined for. Yet he endured the rod of men and the stripes of the sons of men on the cross — bearing the penalty for the sins of all who lived before him, during his life, and after him.

This is the steadfast love of God made complete. Not because we deserved it. Not because of our good works. But because God chose us and set his love upon us, and the fact that he pledged grace ensures he will never abandon us.

**2 Samuel 7:15** *My steadfast love will not depart from him.*

Think about the temporary nature of everything around us. You clean the house, and it gets dirty again. You solve a problem at work, and more arise. Things break, wear out, and pass away. Even the things that bring us the most joy are temporary. Children hope for Christmas gifts, only to lose interest. We hope for the perfect job or home, but neither lasts forever.

But in covenant with God through Jesus Christ, we have permanent things. Things that last. Things that cannot be taken away.

**No rebellious plot can overthrow Jesus.**

*No siege can destroy the house where his presence dwells.*

***No failure on our part can remove his love.***

**Reflect:** *David prayed for an undivided heart, and yet he still stumbled. If God's covenant love held for David — who sinned greatly — and for every king in his line, then it holds for you too. You are part of this forever covenant now. The grace of God is attached to your story.*

## Conclusion — The Hinge

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The Davidic Covenant is the hinge between the Old and New Testaments, between the temporary and the eternal. The covenants with Abraham and Moses emphasised physical blessings — land, law, nation. The covenant with David shifts the emphasis to something that lasts forever.

All five covenants have been building to this place. And next week at Easter, all of it culminates in the New Covenant in Jesus — the ultimate rescue, the ultimate house, the ultimate love. The weight of the whole Old Testament will fall on that moment.

- Permanent Protection — Jesus reigns forever. Fear not. Rest in him.
- Permanent Presence — You are the temple. The church is the house of God that stands forever. Be part of it.
- Permanent Love — His steadfast love will not depart from you. Even in failure. Even in discipline. The covenant holds.

God provides his permanent love through a covenant that lasts forever. He is committed to those in covenant with him — not because we deserve it, but because of his unmerited, undeserved favour. That is grace. That is the story of every covenant. And it is the story that reaches its greatest expression at the cross.

### Next Week — Easter | The New Covenant

All five covenants have been pointing to this moment. The New Covenant in Jesus — the climactic fulfilment of God's entire redemptive story. Bring someone with you. People have never been more open to the gospel than right now.

## Reflection & Discussion Questions

Use these on your own during the week, or with your LifeGroup.

**1.** Pastor Andrew said we are naturally fixated on temporary things. What temporary things are you currently placing your hope in? How does the promise of permanent covenant blessings in Christ challenge that?

**2.** Jesus is described as the permanent protector of his covenant people. Do your daily actions and conversations reflect that belief? What would it look like to actually live from that place of security this week?

**3.** The permanent house of God is not a building — it's the people in whom the Holy Spirit dwells. How does understanding yourself as God's temple change the way you see your own life and body?

**4.** Andrew said: 'God's pursuit was never for real estate. God's pursuit is for your heart.' How does that land for you personally? What does it mean for your heart to be God's dwelling place?

**5.** The steadfast love in 2 Samuel 7 held even for the kings who sinned and needed discipline. Has there been a time in your life when you experienced God's discipline and his love at the same time? What did that teach you?

**6.** With all five Old Testament covenants now complete, what is the one thing that has grown or shifted in your understanding of God's character? How are you approaching Easter differently because of this series?

## Key Scriptures This Week

- 2 Samuel 7:12–16 — The Davidic covenant promise: throne established forever
- Acts 2:25–35 — Peter declares David foresaw the resurrection of Christ
- Luke 12:6–7 — Not one sparrow forgotten; you are of more value
- 1 Corinthians 3:16 — You are God’s temple; his Spirit dwells in you
- Ephesians 2:19–22 — Built together as a dwelling place for God by the Spirit
- Galatians 3 — The complete fulfilment of Abraham’s promise is in Christ

## The Full Series — One Redemptive Story

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- Week 1 ✓ The Adamic Covenant — Identity, consequence, and the first promise of redemption
- Week 2 ✓ The Noahic Covenant — Renewed purpose, renewed life, renewed grace
- Week 3 ✓ The Abrahamic Covenant — Land, descendants, and blessing to all nations
- Week 4 ✓ The Mosaic Covenant — Rescue grounds obedience; the law looks inward
- Week 5 ✓ The Davidic Covenant — Permanent protection, presence, and love (THIS WEEK)
- Easter ► The New Covenant — The climactic fulfilment of everything in Jesus