

The Gospel According to David

The King Behind the King

2 Samuel 7, Psalm 2, Psalm 21

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Psalm 2:1, “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot in vain.”

- BIG QUESTION: When human effort and human rebellion both fail to secure the future, where does lasting blessing for the world actually come from?
- BIG IDEA: Human initiative and rebellion are contrasted with God’s sovereign decree and gracious promise, culminating in the establishment of God’s chosen king through whom blessing comes to the world for eternity.

2 Samuel 7 is the moment God hands David a promise.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Verses</u>	<u>Function</u>
David’s proposal	1–3	Human initiative
Divine interruption	4–7	God’s correction
God’s review of grace	8–11a	What God has done
Covenant promise	11b–16	What God will do
David’s response	18–29	Worship and trust

David wants to build God a *bayit* — TEMPLE. God answers by promising to build David a *bayit* — DYNASTY

God doesn’t want David to build him a house: He doesn’t need one.

- 1) The INCARNATIONAL Principle – v. 6, This God lives with His people
- 2) The GRACE Principle – v. 8, David you can’t do anything for me. You can only do things through me.

David at REST is at RISK. He was about to cross over a line from being FULL of God to being FULL of Himself. But David hears God. David's response is essentially an EXTENDED amen, receiving rather than NEGOTIATING. The PROMISE was ENOUGH for DAVID.

His SECURITY was never in his own RECORD. It was in God's word, and specifically in this promise.

Like David, our SECURITY is not in our RECORD. It's in God's Word – The word that became flesh and dwelt among his people.

Ask yourself

1. Where in your life right now are you trying to secure your own future (through effort, performance, or control) instead of resting in a promise God has already made?
2. When you look back, honestly, do you see mostly your own successes and failures, or can you trace God's faithfulness running underneath both?
3. Is there a specific promise of God you have stopped believing lately, not rejected outright, just quietly stopped leaning on under pressure? What would it look like this week to say Amen to it again, the way David did in his prayer?

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GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS

How was your hope this week? How was it challenged? How was it threatened?

Psalm 2 opens with the nations raging and plotting in vain. What's a specific "raging nation" in your own life right now, a circumstance, headline, or relationship where you feel like the ground is unstable? Where does that anxiety tend to send you (control, distraction, worry, numbing) before you bring it to God?

Read 2 Sam. 7. What stands out to you? David wanted to build God a *bayit* (temple). God instead promised to build David a *bayit* (dynasty). What is a story from your life where you've tried to do something *for* God that he's actually inviting you to simply receive *from* him?

"David at rest is at risk. He was about to cross over a line from being full of God to being full of himself." Rest can be a gift or a danger depending on what fills it. When your own life is at rest right now, or when it next is, what tends to fill that space, gratitude and worship, or self-reliance and pride?

David's security wasn't in his own record, it was in a word God had spoken to him, a word he wouldn't live to see fully realized. We have something David didn't... the promise already kept. Every promise God ever made finds its yes in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20). What difference does it actually make in your day to day anxiety that the promise isn't just something you're waiting on, like David was, but something already fulfilled in a person you already know?

What's one thing you've been asking God for that you could bring to him this week, not as a negotiation, but as a request you trust him to answer in his time? Spend some time praying, declaring trust in the promise, and asking for the faith to discern when security is threatened and anxiousness is present.

Around a TABLE:

- **Question:** Is there something God has said to you that you're still negotiating with instead of simply receiving?
- **Passage:** Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
- **Promise:** Jesus promises real rest, not for those who've earned it, but simply for those who come. Like David with the covenant, the invitation isn't to negotiate terms or prove yourself first, it's to receive.