

**FALL QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017**  
**THEME – COVENANT WITH GOD**  
**UNIT II – CALLED INTO COVENANT WITH GOD**

**“GOD’S COVENANT AFFIRMED WITH DAVID THE KING”**  
**(The Davidic Covenant)**



**Sunday School Lesson VIII – October 22, 2017**  
**Lesson Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III Pastor-Teacher**

- Lesson Text:** II Samuel 7:4-17
- Required Reading:** II Samuel 7:1-29; I Chronicles 17:1-26; 28:1-6
- Lesson Motto Text:** II Samuel 7:16, *“And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.”*
- Reliable Resources:** Principles of Biblical Hermeneutics (J. Edwin Hartill); Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Standard Lesson Commentary; Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible; Precepts for Living (UMD); Word Search 9 and 10 Electronic Library

**LESSON INTRODUCTION**

My beloved, let us travel about 500 years from the days in which Moses gave Israel its great covenant promises from Jehovah, to the life of Israel’s greatest King David. We will note that God’s covenant to Israel is expanded upon by His promise of an everlasting kingship and kingdom that would be established in the family of David. Jesus Christ is that descendant who is the Word made flesh and personified, who would fulfill the covenant promises to David.

Now David was one of the most colorful characters in all of Israel. He was of the house of Jesse, the youngest of several sons. His life is outlined by H. L. Wilmington, according to his work entitled “Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible.” Quoting H. L. Wilmington, David’s life was highlighted in several ways. Note:

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| A. His life as a shepherd. I Samuel 16:1-3                        | G. David the sorrowful. II Samuel 12 – 21     |
| B. As a singer. I Samuel 16:14-23                                 | H. David the statesman. II Samuel 21:1-14     |
| C. As a soldier. I Samuel 17                                      | I. David the statistician. II Samuel 24       |
| D. David being sought. I Samuel 18 – 31                           | J. David the sponsor. I Chronicles 22 – 29    |
| E. David the sovereign. II Samuel 1 – 10;<br>I Chronicles 11 – 19 | K. David the scribe. II Samuel 22:1; 23:1 – 3 |
| F. David the sinner. II Samuel 11                                 | L. David the sage. I Kings 2”                 |

Beloved, with such a bountiful and blessed life, we turn to focus on “God’s Covenant Affirmed with David the King.” Let us pick up with II Samuel 7 after David has found a sense of rest and repose from warring against the enemies of Jehovah, and returning the Ark of the Covenant to rest among God’s people. **Anticipated Power Points:**

- **David’s Desire Discovered. II Samuel 7:1-3**
- **Divine Directions from Jehovah. II Samuel 7:4-11a**
- **Declaration of David’s Promised Dynasty. II Samuel 7:11b-17**

## LESSON OUTLINE

### **I. David's Desire Discovered. II Samuel 7:1-3 (Read)**

David, having captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites, made it a great capital city for Israel. He was blessed by his ally Hiram, King of Tyre, who sent him cedar trees, carpenters, masons, etc. and built David a great house. (II Samuel 5:11-12). Now David reflects on the fact that he is living in a fine wooden and masonry house while the Ark of the Covenant, which represented the center of Jehovah's presence, power, and worship, was still residing behind the curtains of the Tabernacle. (Read Exodus 25 – 31 and 35 – 41). David summons and speaks to the prophet Nathan to declare his desire to build a house for the honoring of Jehovah. Nathan, without hesitation, simply encouraged the king to go ahead with his plans, because they were noble! (Read Psalm 29:1-2).

### **II. Divine Directions from Jehovah. II Samuel 7:4-11a**

#### **A. Reminding David of God's presence. vss. 4-7**

The Lord speaks to Nathan to remind King David of His omnipresence and will towards Israel all the days of their existence. Therefore, He asked when had He ever requested that anyone build Him a house of cedar. God told Moses to build a portable place known as the Tabernacle, which could be set up and moved at a moment's notice.

Israel had yet much to accomplish, and would even be fully tested of their faithfulness by Jehovah. When He was ready, He would give directions concerning a permanent house. Meanwhile, they were to know and recognize that He was ever present and able to protect them from all adversaries.

#### **B. Recounting David's experience of God's power. vss. 8-9**

Nathan causes David to recount that from the humblest beginnings, God found him and raised him to a place of honor, respect, and renown. (Reflect on the notes in my introduction by H. L. Willmington.) Everything David was or would become, came from God.

#### **C. Remembering that David's desire must follow God's plans. vss. 10-11**

Though David had a sincere desire, it is ultimately God's will that must be perfectly completed concerning Israel, His people. Even from the times of the judges, God was directing His people even when they rejected His leadership and sought for a king like all the other nations. Jehovah is Israel's King and He dictates His plans to men to follow, trust, and obey! (Read Exodus 20:2-3; I Samuel 8:5-9) We must be careful not to overstep our bounds and disobey the perfect, sovereign will of God dictated in His WORD! Psalm 127:1-2, *"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep."*

### **III. Declaration of David's Promised Dynasty. II Samuel 7:11b-17**

Now Jehovah gives Nathan the declaration of the Davidic Covenant and future promises!

#### **A. God's unconditional promise of a rich heritage. vss. 11b-12**

Instead of David building God a house, God promises David that He would bless his posterity long after he is dead. He would always have a descendent on Israel's throne! (Note the unconditional promise of God is noted in the phrase *"I will."* Count how many times God says it! (Five times in verses 11-14!)

#### **B. God's unconditional promise to raise a house. vss. 13-16**

Many accept that Solomon did this as noted in I Chronicles 28:1-6, but I also add that in order for it to be everlasting, we need an eternal being, thus we see Jesus Christ as the ultimate fulfillment. (Read Hebrews 1:1-3).

#### **C. God's unconditional promise gives David a blessed hope. vs. 17**

All that was spoken by Nathan to David so blessed him that he was filled, not with remorse, but with eternal hope and thanksgiving. This is demonstrated by David's prayer uttered in verses 18-29 (please read).

### **CLOSING**

Scripture teaches us that though our desires may not be fully accepted by God, we can be grateful that His desire and will far outweigh ours, and it is a pleasure to follow them. Seek God's will for your life, and follow it with all of your might. Hallelujah! (Read Matthew 1:6-16, and praise God for His covenant keeping.)



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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

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**Nehemiah 9:32-38; 10:28-29**

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