

God's House

2 Samuel 7:11b-17

Main Idea: the Lord Is More Faithful Than You Think, so our Confidence Should Be Greater Than It Is

1.) God's Thoughts Are Not our Thoughts

Read verses 1-3.

A.) Our Good Intentions Must Always Be Evaluated in Light of God's Word

Read Verse 3

B.) Prophets Are Not Infallible

Read Verse 4

Proverbs 16:1, *"The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord"*

Jeremiah 17:9, *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked..."*

Jeremiah 17:5-9, *"Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked..."*

2.) The Lord Doesn't Dwell in a House, He Dwells With his People.

Read Verses 5-7

A.) The Lord Reminds David of the Order of Things.

v. 5, "*would you build a house for me to dwell in?*"

B.) The Lord reminds David that he never asked for a house.

Read Verses 6-7

C.) Jesus will not rest until His people have rest.

3.) The Lord Has Called David for the Sake of Israel

A.) The Lord is the one building the house for his name.

Read Verse 10

Exodus 15:13-18, "*You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation. 14 "The people will hear and be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, Trembling will take hold of them All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. 16 Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm They will be as still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O Lord, Till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. 17 You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, In the place, O Lord, which You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. 18 "The Lord shall reign forever and ever."*

B.) The Lord is a sovereign covenant keeping priest king of the whole earth.

2 Samuel 7:20-22, "*For You, Lord God, know Your servant. **21** For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them. **22** Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears."*