

SERMON 2 SAMUEL 7 'SOVEREIGN GRACE' - Series 'David' #12

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With questions for reflection in fellowship groups

INTRODUCTION

Slides about 1. Jerusalem+rainbow, 2. Inside Dome of the Rock (2x), 4. Western Wall (2x), 6. Drawing first temple, 7. Ark of the covenant, 8. Two tablets with the law

Special about the temple: no image of God, only the law.

Today we have no temple. Can we still worship? Can we still bring sacrifices? Can we still learn from the law? Yes in the gathering of believers in Jesus Christ, the church.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's spirit lives in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Assignment for kids: If you could build a house for God, what would it look like?

DAVID'S IDEA

2 Samuel 7:1

- David the king was settled in his palace

2 Samuel 7:2

- Palace of cedar <=> Tent

GOD'S ANSWER

1. 2 Samuel 7:5-7

- I have never commanded to build a house

2. 2 Samuel 7:8-11a

- I have made your name great

3. 2 Samuel 7:11b-16

- I will establish a house for you

SOVEREIGN GRACE

2 Samuel 7:14-15

- Not conditional - no 'if' - now 'but'

1. God's idea

- People wanted a king - rejecting God as King - God appointed David - promised Messiah King

// Romans 11:33-36 and 1 Corinthians 2:8

2. God's initiative

- David didn't ask - nor did we

// Romans 3:10-18 and 5:8

3. God's power

- God re-creates and changes the heart of man

// Ezekiel 36:26 and 37:1-14

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. *David was in danger crossing the line from being full of God to being full of himself. Please reflect on this observation. Read the first few verses again in different translations. Do you recognise what happened and what could happen to all of us?*
2. *Read God's answer to David in the verses 5-16. What is the overall impact of this message? Compare this with 1 Corinthians 4:6-7. How may we apply this into our daily lives?*
3. *Read 2 Samuel 7:14-15 in different translations and share your observations. Then read Ephesians 2:8-9 and share about the grace of the Lord in our lives. What kind of tensions do you observe in the life of a believer when 'all is grace'?*
4. *Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 - the prophecy about the resurrection of Israel. In what sense are we witnesses of God's grace in the history of Israel?*