



Life of

DAVID

The Making of a King

Discovering the Heart of God

2 Samuel 7

Lesson 14

Background Information

What should you do when your hearts desire doesn't meet up with God's desire? David had a good desire in his heart, but God said "No". David quieted himself before the Lord and set about to seek the heart of God. He heard God's voice, listened to His Words and submitted to His will. A pattern we would do well to establish for the government of our own hearts.

David was overwhelmed by gratitude for God establishing his own kingdom and had a desire to turn his eyes toward doing something magnificent for the Lord. *See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells withing tent curtains.* Though his desire was heartfelt, and Nathan urged him on, nothing could have prepared him for God's response. The timing was not right, God had another purpose in mind for his Shepherd/King.

Often when we are overwhelmed with desire, we are placed in the hard place of waiting on God's timing. What we do when we are confronted with disappointment is meant not to discourage, but to teach us to seek God's heart and teach us to wait on Him

Treasures of the Heart

Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne,

And earth is My footstool.

Where is the house that you will build Me?

And where is the place of My rest?

Isaiah 66:1



What does it say?

The first step is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

2 Samuel 7:1-17

1 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, **2** that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." **3** Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

4 But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, **5** "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? **6** For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. **7** Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"'" **8** Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. **9** And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. **10** Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, **11** since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **14** I will be his Father, and he shall

2 Samuel 7:18-29

18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? **19** And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord God? **20** Now what more can David say to You? 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. **23** And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name — and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land — before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? **24** For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Lord, have become their God.

25 "Now, O Lord God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said. **26** So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. **27** For You, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

28 "And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. **29** Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord God, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever."



What does it mean?

What lesson can I draw from my observations? **Ask yourself, “What was the intended meaning of the original author?”** Is there a command to obey, or a warning to heed? An example to follow or avoid? **State each lesson in a simple sentence that you could share with someone else.** (aim for 10 words or less).

2 Samuel 7:1-17 _____

2 Samuel 7:18-29 _____



How can I apply it?

Ask yourself, “What course of action do I need to take to apply each lesson?” How should it change me? What does it challenge me to do? Does it point out error in my attitude or actions? (aim for 10 words or less)

2 Samuel 7:1-17 _____

2 Samuel 7:18-29 _____

Challenge: Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.



Understanding the Heart . . .

See if you can discover the **heart attitude** of those in the story. What emotions are they dealing with? What is God teaching them? How do they respond? How should they respond?

The Heart of David:

The Heart of the people:

The Heart of God:

What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.



Getting The Point

See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

2 Samuel 7:1-17 _____

2 Samuel 7:18-29 _____

Title State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

Flex Your Muscles Can you discover an N.T. example of this O.T. truth?

Radiating His Truth . . .

"Disappointment -- His Appointment"

Change one letter, then I see

That the thwarting of my purpose

Is God's better choice for me. - Edith Lillian Young

