



## The Glory Returns to Israel (2 Sam 7-8)

*Notes: Week Four*

### God's Promise to David - [2 Samuel 7:1-17](#)

Topics: [Blessing](#), [Correction](#), [Covenant](#), [Discipline](#), [Enemies](#), [Family](#), [Future](#), [Goals](#), [God's Will](#), [Greatness](#), [Heritage](#), [Honor](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Love](#), [Name](#), [Oppressed](#), [Peace](#), [Plans](#), [Punishment](#), [Rejection](#), [Security](#), [Sovereignty](#)

### Open It

1. \*In what way do you think church buildings should reflect our humility? our esteem for God?
2. In what sense can prosperity be both comfortable and uncomfortable?

### Explore It

3. \*What contrast bothered David after he was well established in Jerusalem? ([7:1-2](#))
4. What was Nathan's initial reaction to David's instinct to build a house for the ark of God? ([7:3](#))
5. \*According to the word Nathan received from the Lord, how did God feel about the fact that no permanent house of worship had been built? ([7:5-7](#))
6. What did God remind David about how he had achieved his current prosperity? ([7:8-9](#))
7. What promise did God make concerning His people, Israel? ([7:10-11](#))
8. What was God's covenant with the house of David? ([7:11-12](#), [16](#))
9. \*What was God's will concerning the building of a house for His Name? ([7:13](#))
10. How long did God promise to establish the throne of David? ([7:13](#))
11. What relationship did God promise to have with David's son and his descendants? ([7:14](#))
12. How did God promise to treat David differently than He had treated Saul? ([7:15](#))
13. What did Nathan do after God had revealed these things to him in the night? ([7:17](#))

### **Get It**

14. \*Initially, did David's concern for the house of God sound pious or presumptuous?
15. Why is it significant that Nathan heard from God immediately after he had spoken with David?
16. What gentle correction did God include with His promises to David?
17. What was God's intention in making David powerful and prosperous?
18. \*How should we determine the appropriate setting and methods for worshiping God?
19. What statement sums up the worst that happened to King Saul?
20. What is the most reassuring aspect of God's covenant with the house of David?
21. How is God's punishment consistent with His unfailing love?

### **Apply It**

22. How might God be intending to bless others through His blessings to you personally?
23. \*What is the most important "temple" you can offer to God, and what is one thing you can do to offer it?

## David's Prayer - [2 Samuel 7:18-29](#)

Topics: [Abundance](#), [Awe](#), [Blessing](#), [Courage](#), [Covenant](#), [Future](#), [God's Will](#), [Humility](#), [People](#), [Praise](#), [Prayer](#), [Promises](#), [Thankfulness](#), [Trust](#)

### Open It

1. \*What is the first thing you want to do when you receive very good news?
2. What's your favorite example of a pleasant surprise?
3. How much do your ancestors and your descendants figure into your day-to-day life?

### Explore It

4. After David heard Nathan's word from God, what did he do? ([7:18](#))
5. \*What was David's attitude toward the blessings he was currently enjoying? ([7:18](#))
6. \*What was even more amazing to David than his current prosperity? ([7:19](#))
7. \*Why did David find himself almost speechless before God? ([7:20-21](#))
8. What attributes of God did David begin to praise? ([7:22](#))
9. What did David proclaim to be unique about Israel? ([7:23](#))
10. Who was the initiator in the relationship between God and Israel? ([7:24](#))
11. What request did David make of God in the midst of his praises? ([7:25](#))
12. What testimony did David envision coming out of the blessing of his family? ([7:26](#))
13. According to David, where did he find the courage to pray to God? ([7:27](#))
14. How did David demonstrate his confidence in God and His word? ([7:28-29](#))
15. What did David ask of God at the end of his prayer? ([7:29](#))

### **Get It**

16. \*How did David demonstrate that he understood the uniqueness of God's covenant with him?
17. Why was David in shock?
18. Why is it important to thank God for the good things we enjoy?
19. What are the benefits of praising God?
20. In what way had God used Israel to "make a name for himself"?
21. What was unusual about the request David made of God?
22. Why is it appropriate to ask God for things He has already promised?
23. \*In what sense does it take courage to approach God in prayer?

### **Apply It**

24. In what area of life could you benefit by praying that God will do as He has promised?
25. \*In the coming week, how can you cultivate a sense of awe at God's goodness?
26. For what great gift or blessing do you want to thank God now?

## David's Victories - [2 Samuel 8:1-18](#)

Topics: [Administration](#), [Achievements](#), [Advice](#), [Authority](#), [Death](#), [Dedication](#), [Enemies](#), [Government](#), [Help](#), [Justice](#), [Life-style](#), [Possessions](#), [Power](#), [Reputation](#), [Righteousness](#), [Submission](#), [Victory](#), [Wealth](#)

### Open It

1. \*Why do successful people tend to forget about those who helped them reach success?
2. What are some instances of governmental success or failure with regard to issues of justice?

### Explore It

3. How did David fare in his battles with Israel's traditional enemies, the Philistines? ([8:1](#))
4. How did David ensure the fear and subjection of the Moabites? ([8:2](#))
5. From what king did David capture soldiers, horses, and chariots? ([8:3-4](#))
6. \*What unusual step did David take when he captured a thousand chariot horses? ([8:4](#))
7. What was the result of David's encounter with the Arameans? ([8:5-6](#))
8. \*What valuable plunder did David take from Hadadezer? ([8:7-8](#))
9. From what king did David receive gifts because of his victory over a common enemy? ([8:9-10](#))
10. \*What did David do with the valuable articles and precious metals he captured in his campaigns? ([8:11-12](#))
11. What spectacular victory spread David's fame even farther than it already had? ([8:13](#))
12. How did David reinforce his sovereignty in Edom? ([8:14](#))
13. What qualities characterized David's reign over the united Israel? ([8:15](#))

## **Get It**

14. \*Which of David's activities as a conquering ruler were unusual or unexpected?
15. What strategies assured David of expanded territory and continual income?
16. Why was David so successful?
17. Why did David dedicate the most valuable plunder he got through warfare?
18. What incentive is there for powerful rulers to be just?
19. \*What dangers are inherent in sudden, overwhelming success?
20. What are some of the ways that one powerful ruler can acknowledge another?

## **Apply It**

21. \*What could you do to dedicate the fruits of your successes to the Lord?
22. In your positions of leadership (whether formal or informal), what can you do to ensure that you are just and right toward the people God has entrusted to you?