

**2 Sam 7, David**  
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I don't know if these are as popular any more, maybe not with the cost of houses? But I remember back in the day, for only \$100, you could buy a ticket for a chance to win a dream home. Usually called the Dream Home Lottery, they'd promote it by sharing all the fancy features the house would have such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, etc. Never mind you had very little chance of winning and your \$100 may well have been spent somewhere else (someone once told me the best way to double your money was to fold it over and put it back in your pocket!); they'd entice you by saying part of the proceeds went to charity.

But imagine for a moment the local media and the Lottery agents showed up at your house and said, "Surprise, you've won the Dream Home Lottery, here are the keys, it's all yours! And imagine you replied, "No, thanks, it's not really that important to me, I have a home. But Jesus, do you know about Jesus? Here, have a tract, it will tell you of the most valuable person this world affords."

That is kind of like what happens in our reading tonight, or the first half of it anyway.

David has just made Jerusalem his civic and religious capital. A neutral Royal City near the geographic centre of Israel, but also a city David desired to make the religious capital. First he brought the Ark into Jerusalem but now he doesn't want his God to dwell in a raggy tent.

And so at the centre of Samuel, at least central in importance, and a central story in the Bible comes tonight passage on the Davidic Covenant.

It was very common for ancient nations to build a house, a temple for their God. And it's not that our God, the God, can be contained in a building of bricks and mortar, but rather—just as He'd dwelt amongst his people, at the centre of the camp, in the Tabernacle, David now wished to build a temple, house, for God to dwell at the centre of his people and his new Kingdom.

And so David, feeling that it was improper for he as God's representative to Israel as the King, to live in a fancy dream home built of cedar—which I must admit would have been very fancy in those days, and even something I wouldn't mind today—while God lived in a ragged tent.

So, with proper motives, he devises a plan and shares it with his counsellor, the prophet Nathan.

The event transpired somewhat like this: God I am going to give you a house, build for you're a house, a great Temple for the Ark of your presence to dwell in.

God replied, "No thanks" (or maybe "not yet"). "No, but I am going to make you into a house," a dynasty. God promised to give to David and eternal throne, or in the words of this morning's Psalm.

Now, in our chapter tonight God recounts His grace—His unmerited favour—toward David. While we will get around to this Cov't, along the way we want to chart God's Amazing Grace in the Life *-Amazing Grace in the Life of Eric Scolding?*

So 3 headings for tonight's message, ready?

1. Amazing Grace
2. Amazing Grace
3. Amazing Grace
4. +a Word about Revelation that I think is important

And along the way there will be room for interaction and reflection.

And I hope this will all help reinforce an oft repeated but beautiful slogan of the Reformation: **5 solas**.

1. Grace in His calling, v. 8

Questions:

- a. **Who was David when God first called him?**
  - a. It is amazing how God often chooses the small and insignificant to shame the wise and powerful!
- b. **Who were you when God first called you to belief on His Son?**

Truly, **Tit 3:5!**

## 2. Grace in His preservation, v. 9a

Questions:

### a) **What had David faced from the time he was anointed King to the time he was enthroned as King?**

- a. It is amazing how God's hand was upon David, but that same grace rests upon all those who fear him, not simply the greats.

### b) **How has God's grace preserved you and brought you thus far?**

Truly, **7:18**. David attributes all of his blessings, all of his success to God.

## 3. Grace in His Fame, v. 9b

I am struck by David's thoughtlessness, at least at this point in the story. I mean here is a man who was famous, mighty. He had this great name. And with power and fame and wealth and responsibility can often come pride. Yet by God's grace,

Question: **What is the secret to combatting pride? (false modesty)**

## 4. Grace in this Covenant

Just before we consider this Covenant, I want to pause to consider the interaction between David and Nathan.

David has an idea to build a house for God. So he runs it past God's prophet, Nathan. To Nathan it seems like a good idea, v. 3. It was for honourable purposes, sure—why not!

We follow God's revealed will or even our godly common sense, but that might not always be God's hidden will.

We make plans in accordance to what we believe God would have us do, but we always need to welcome it when clearer revelation as to God's specific will for us is made known.

In his heartfelt prayer of gratitude, marked by "O Lord God" some 8 times! David notes that what God has done for him is relevant for all mankind. In v. 19b he says, "this is instruction for mankind," or "you do not usually do this for humans." What God did for David is relevant for us too.

You see, God's plan to rescue a lost world through the offspring of Abraham began to unfold right from the Fall.

- ✓ Gen 3:15
- ✓ Gen 12:3 (= offspring)
- ✓ Gen 49:10
- ✓ 2 Sam 7

The promise of the sure establishment of a King for the Kingdom of Israel was good for Israel—it meant her just rule, restraint of evil, encouragement to worship, protection from enemies. It was another sign of God's steadfast love to His people. And out of all of the people, men, clans, tribes, etc, of Israel God chose David for this privilege.

But David was not only to bring good to his people Israel, but ultimately was the vessel through which blessing would be made available to the whole world: through his line would be born the Saviour of the World, who'd \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 2, 72, 132, 145; Isa 11, Ezc 34; Zech). This is how his line and throne could be eternal, because it culminated in Jesus who was the eternal Son of God.

As a means: the wonder of Mary of Susannah Wesley  
As preservation: Jehoiakin at the end of Kings  
As an end: the Messiah

And so just as David praised God for His grace in his life, let's praise Him for His grace in David's life, and our own, by ending with some **prayers of gratitude**.

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome, Announcements Quiet Prayer, Call to Worship**

- ✓ Campfires (Gospel), food, other ideas?, format
- ✓ Camera for downstairs...?

**Song:** I will Sing of the Mercies  
10,000 Reasons

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Sam 7:1–17 (with ref. to the rest)

**Song:** It is no secret

**Sermon & Questions**

**Song:** Amazing Grace

**Postlude**