

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 3/3/2019

2 Samuel 7 – “David’s Everlasting Throne: Who’s Building a House for Whom?” by Eric Bobbitt

### Overview

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After being established as king over all Israel, David plans to build a temple for God to replace the tabernacle used since Moses’s day. Through the prophet Nathan, however, God counters by promising to build David a “house”: an unending dynasty. David is overcome by humble gratitude. The promise has a partial fulfillment in Solomon and the succeeding generations of Davidic kings, but is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

### Quotations

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“God reminds David Who is taking care of whom. Would David do something great for God, like build Him a temple? History would remind David (and us) that it has always been God helping us, not us helping God. It is God who has always come to man's aid, and not man who rescues God.”

Eugene Peterson

“The real son of David would build the real temple of God and establish God’s real presence with His people forever. And he would not just be David’s son. He would be God’s own Son, building the house of salvation for God’s people on earth all by Himself. Wrap your head around that: God would build His own house, and He would become the house He promised to build. In Jesus, God would be the fulfillment of His own promise.”

Heath Thomas

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) The prophet Nathan is initially impressed with David’s good intentions, and assumes that God will pour his blessing on them. God sends a different word, however. Do you see any parallels with the events we considered last week from 2 Samuel 6?
- 2) Our society tends to assume that God will be pleased with anyone acting out of good intentions. What do these stories say to that assumption? What does it take to please God? How might you explain this to someone with whom you are sharing the gospel?
- 3) In considering the complicated events of 2 Samuel 3 a couple weeks ago, we saw that Abner, by supporting David, sought to put David in his debt (see 2 Sam 3:9-12). How might David’s intentions in 2 Samuel 7:1-2 be perceived as something similar? How did God respond? How does this affect how we think about our own service to God?
- 4) Reread David’s prayer of humble gratitude in 2 Samuel 7:18-29. The prayer has several parts. What are some things that stand out to you? Are there things God has done for you that have moved you to respond similarly?
- 5) Eric said that 2 Samuel 7 has promises for us, partly through the reign of the ultimate Davidic King who has made additional precious and magnificent promises. What are some of these? What does it mean to recognize his rule and trust his promises?