

19 – THE DESIRE TO BUILD (2 SAMUEL 7:1-29; 1 CHRONICLES 17:1-27)

I. A House for God (2 Samuel 7:1-3; 1 Chronicles 17:1-2)

- The writer points out that David was resting in his palace as God gave him rest from his enemies.
- David pointed out to the prophet Nathan that he lived in a house of cedar as the ark dwelt in a tent.
- Nathan told David to do all that was his heart for the Lord was with him.

II. The Lord's Response (2 Samuel 7:4-17; 1 Chronicles 17:3-15)

A. The Lord Speaks to Nathan (2 Samuel 7:4-16; 1 Chronicles 17:3-14)

1. The Lord speaks to Nathan (2 Samuel 7:4; 1 Chronicles 17:3)

- The word of the Lord came to the prophet Nathan that very evening.

2. The Issue of Building (2 Samuel 7:5-7; 1 Chronicles 17:4-6)

- Nathan was to ask David if he would build a house for the Lord to dwell in.
- The Chronicler records that the Lord stated that David would not build his house.
- The Lord stated that he has not dwelt in a house since he brought Israel out of Egypt.
- The Lord has moved about in a tent, the Tabernacle.
- The Lord pointed out that he has never made a request for a house of cedar.

3. The Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:8-16; 1 Chronicles 17:7-14)

- The Lord pointed out that he took David from the sheepfold and made him ruler over Israel.
- The Lord has been with him, cut off his enemies and made him great name on the earth.
- The Lord states that he will establish Israel in an appointed place and give them rest.
- The Lord will make David a house or a royal dynasty.
- He promises that he will set up David's seed after his death and establish his kingdom.
- This son will build David a house and his kingdom will be established forever.
- The Lord will be his father and he will be his son.
- If he commits iniquity, the Lord will chasten him, but his mercy will not depart from him.

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- The Lord stresses that David's house and kingdom will be established forever.

B. Nathan Speaks to David (2 Samuel 7:17; 1 Chronicles 17:15)

- Nathan told David everything according the words and vision the Lord gave him.

III. David's Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18-29; 1 Chronicles 17:16-27)

A. David Went To Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18a; 1 Chronicles 17:16a)

- David got alone and sat before the Lord in prayer.

B. The Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18b-29; 1 Chronicles 17:16b-27)

- David humbly asks the Lord who he was that he would be brought to this point.
- David point out that what God says he will do is only a small thing in his sovereignty.
- David points out that he can't say anything more since the Lord knows his servant.
- David praises the Lord for who he is and that there is none like him in all the world.
- David also points out there is none like Israel who God has made his special people.
- David asks the Lord to establish his word that he spoke to him.
- That fulfillment of the word to David would bring glory to the Lord forever.