

Exegetical Notes – 2 Samuel 7:18-29

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Verses 18-21

¹⁸ *Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:*

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

²⁰ *“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.*

- Nathan, the prophet, had just told David that God intended to make his dynasty an everlasting one (see 2 Samuel 7:1-17). Jesus’ earthly lineage is through the family of David and the tribe of Judah. Jesus reigns forever on the throne of David. The prophecy of Nathan is thus fulfilled.
- David had hoped to build a “house for God” on earth. God told him that he would not be allowed that privilege but that David’s son would build that house. Solomon built the temple. Jesus built the Church. Both are the “house of the Lord.”
- David was overwhelmed by what God had told him through the prophet. He went into the tent where the Ark of the Covenant was kept to praise God for what God had promised him.
- He knew that God has bestowed great honor on him and on his family and bestowed even greater honor on him by telling him all this. He acknowledged that he was not worthy of the favor God had shown him.

Verse 22

²² *“How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.*

- David acknowledged that God is great. YHWH is sovereign Lord. There is no one higher than God. There is no one like God. There are no other gods. ONLY YHWH IS GOD!
- David declared that he knew this from his personal experience with YHWH.

Verses 23-24

²³ And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? ²⁴ You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, LORD, have become their God.

- David acknowledged that Israel has a special place among all the other nations because God gave them a special place. It is not that they deserve this place, but that God has chosen them for it.
- YHWH revealed His choice of Israel by driving out other stronger nations before them and, in particular, by redeeming them from slavery in Egypt.
- YHWH did all this for Israel to show all the peoples of the earth who He is. But the nations did not receive His word or give Him the honor He was due.

Verses 25-26

²⁵ “And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

- David prayed that now the nations will see who God is and honor His holy name.

Verses 27-29

²⁷ “LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. ²⁸ Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

- David declared that YHWH is God! David declared that YHWH is utterly and completely true to HIS word. GOD WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES!
- David submitted to the will of God for him and his family. At this moment David was in complete agreement with God and bends low before Him.

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