

2 Samuel 7:8-16 Advent OT Sermon 4.4

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Who am I and what have I done? Will people remember me when I am gone? Probably not and that's ok...because I am a simple little man. I really have it better than I deserve. I will never be as mighty as King David. I will never be as wise as King Solomon. But God doesn't let simple human failures stop his plans. So many times God allows simple people to become great leaders. From President Harry Truman to Mighty King David, God has proven time and time again that he can allow little people to be made great. Greatness is not marked with pride as a President or King – greatness is better seen as humility. David came from humble beginnings and ended up in a high position of power and authority. Don't get me wrong I am not aspiring to be a bold president or a mighty King – I am pretty content with where God has placed me.

Content because of Solomon's greater Son.

David had a humble response to God's "No" of allowing him to build the temple. He said, "**Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?**" (1Chron 17:16) Who are we that anyone should care about us? Who are we that anyone should help us? Who are we that anyone should notice when we are gone? Believers can feel lonely and insignificant when everyone else is busy trying to be noticed and special. Not so special, not so famous, not even missed if we fell off the planet today. Today we learn another of the many OT promises of someone new. Mighty David and Wise Solomon were not as mighty and wise as their future promised Son the greatest child whose birth we celebrate next Sunday! Sure they were popular – but that did not mean they were popular with God.

God is the one who notices us. God is the one who thinks we are special. Today God comes to teach us more about **Solomon's Greater Son our Savior.**

The House he built

Solomon had plans handed to him by David himself with a majority of the financial means necessary to build the temple. In today's standards we would be talking about billions and trillions of dollars. We sometimes forget that David had made most of the plans for the temple but God told him to stop. God had someone better in mind; he always does! How do you feel when someone better comes along in your life? Mighty David was very humble before his Almighty God to respond in the way he did. He didn't pout. He didn't throw a temper tantrum. He didn't roll his eyes – instead he gave thanks to God for going ahead with the promise without David's help! David was not a king that let power get to his head.

David was in the business of war – and business was good. Now in Chapter 7 David has retired from business - in order to 'keep busy' he offers an idea to Nathan the prophet and Nathan says, "Go for it." David had honest-godly intentions for the temple because he lived in a beautiful mansion while the ark of God was in a trailer park(figuratively).

David was a mighty warrior and peace maker, Solomon was a wise builder and peace keeper. God knew the best man for the job – the best Son to do the best kind of work that was not fit for a murderer to accomplish. Solomon was the man first given as prophesy in this lesson but then the object of God's building a house, a kingdom and a throne for David changes because God uses the word '**forever.**' עֹלָםְ עַד David's bones

are resting in a tomb somewhere, Solomon's bones are resting in a tomb somewhere. God had in mind the Best Son, the best architect, the best peace maker, the best leader, the best king, the best protector, the best Savior. You won't find the bones of this Greatest Son in the ground!

God knew that David's hands were stained with other's blood, his greater Son Jesus' hands would be stained with his own blood.(1 Chronicles 28:3) That kind of service, that kind of sacrifice is the best that God had in mind. In fact 1 Chronicles gives great detail to the plans that David had made by the blessing of the Lord. What a shock to have the plans in your hand and then to be told, "No." David had been humbled by God once before and this was probably not the last time. King David gave his son Solomon his plans and ideas for the temple and essentially said, "get to work and don't quit, because God will not quit on you."

David was not to build a house for God; God rather would build a house for David. A house of infinite protection, safety and blessing through **David's Greatest Son Jesus so much more than Solomon**. Jesus had the temple of his body that would be torn down on a Friday and then three days later be raised back up. Both son's of David worked hard in God's service – Jesus worked harder as his hard work took his life. It took Solomon years to build a house for God – it took Jesus only three days to prove that the temple of his body was ever-built to last!

Great Solomon had the go ahead from God to build an earthly house. Greater Jesus had the go ahead to be an earthly temple greater than Solomon's house of gold – as the precious blood of Jesus more costly than silver and gold paid the price.

The Kingdom he accomplished

The Kingdom Jesus accomplished was done in defeat! How many kings win through defeat? Unique and one-of-a-kind as Jesus is... he is greater than David's might, greater than Solomon's wisdom. This Jesus comes from a kingdom of pure lights where just one of his holy subjects is able to kill 185,000 men in one night. This king is so far above and beyond us – greater than Solomon by far.

Jesus Almighty himself is talking to David in our lesson. He is the commander in chief of 12 legions of angels. Jesus is so much over us, removed from us, separated from us because our sins make us natural born enemies of God Almighty and his holy kingdom.

Who are we and what have we done? Nothing worthy of heaven, nothing worth God Almighty. David was a little Shepherd boy without God. Solomon was not so smart without God. David would have died with a failed kingdom without God. Solomon might have been killed without God's protection. David's name is only special through this promise in 2 Samuel. God answered "No" to David's request to build him a temple. For every 'no' that God speaks there is always another 'yes.' The Lord Almighty knew what was best and the best he had in mind was a better son than Solomon.

King Solomon was great son but he still had sin. Every son who sins is a son who will die. Our Savior is a son unlike any other son as he comes from **Forever**. **דָּעַ וְלָמַעַ** Solomon was a great king but not great enough to cheat death or take away sins. Solomon was a great king but not great enough to be perfect for himself or anyone else. Solomon was a great king but not great enough to have the angels sing praises at his birth. Daddy David and mommy Bathsheba were human and sinful. Jesus had only one natural parent –

Mary. Joseph was his step father who adopted Jesus the boy to be like his own son. Joseph was never a king but he had the honor of changing the diapers of the Son of the King Almighty!

King David had someone better than Solomon because Jesus would establish an everlasting kingdom. The Son of David, the Son of Solomon, the Son of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the son our Savior succeeded in establishing an everlasting kingdom through his own sacrifice on the cross. From the manger to the grave, from the cradle to the cross Jesus entered this world humble and exited it humiliated. The Almighty Son of God deserved better – we deserve worse.

For the many times that we fail to honor our king, fail to serve his majesty, fail to give glory to God alone; Jesus our heavenly King came as promised long ago again and again as someone new, someone great, someone miraculous.

The Throne where he sits

The only kingdom we deserve to reign over is the valley of Hinnom. That was the garbage dump outside Jerusalem where the two criminal bodies next to Jesus would be tossed after they were crucified. Yet the body of Jesus did not see decay; his body entered this world by a virgin womb and was laid to rest in the heart of the earth in a virgin tomb. Dead in sin we are kings of the garbage dump, rulers of refuse, a porcelain throne and a paper crown as we are neither worthy nor deserving of God's promise given to David.

Who am I and what have I done? Not much.... good that is. We are nowhere mighty, nothing so smart, no better than any other human born into this world. There will be no chronicler writing about my house, my kingdom, or my throne – because I have done none of those things – I don't deserve them. In fact because of my less than perfect record as a leader, a shepherd, a father, a friend... I deserve much less than what God has given to me at Christmas.

Jesus Almighty King should have never left his heavenly throne, his ever-wise house of heaven to be treated as a criminal for criminals like us. Jesus our warrior King dueled with the devil and crushed the serpent's head on Calvary. Jesus takes up residence in our hearts by faith through the work of the Holy Spirit in these words from 2 Samuel. Jesus our King far wiser than any man, the greatest Son of Solomon and David is this baby boy who was born long ago when God saw that the time was just right.

Jesus our King now rules our hearts by his cross. Only through repentance does the Holy Spirit cause us to see our failure to live up to God's kingdom standards, failure to keep house clean enough for a divine guest, failure to even control and rule over our own thoughts, words and actions. Jesus' action as our King divine does more to protect, preserve and prepare our hearts for his coming at Christmas.

Divine actions last longer than a house, a throne or a kingdom. These things point to a father's desire to have his children carry on a family name; the ruling family name of David did not last. Only by the divine rule of Jesus does David's name have any real meaning. Only because of Jesus' perfect work as our prince of peace does he give us a home, a kingdom, a simple throne in heaven where we will glow in the righteousness of Christ our King.

There are some people who have never heard of the name David or Solomon – and sadly even some who have never heard of the greater name of Jesus Christ their God, their Savior, their Son of promise at

Christmas time. May Jesus never be far from our thoughts as we celebrate the day he came to begin his humble rule over broken hearts that he has forgiven.

Who am I and what have I done...we have so many plans. God's plan matters most! When our time comes God will take care of his greatest plan; his 'forever' promise to those who are found faithful to **Solomon's greater Son Jesus Christ**.

Jesus sits on his throne and is close to us in these powerful Words of 2 Samuel. Jesus has built himself a place in our heart by faith continuing to bring us confidence. Jesus has gained access for us into his heavenly kingdom. **עֹלָמְעַד** is God's promise of a dream come true – the reality that Jesus mighty/wise King comes close to our heart by faith in these powerful words of truth. Who is greater than Solomon and more powerful than David = Jesus. Who is Jesus and what has he done.... he's the one doing it all right now for you and me! Amen.

(Object) Ever-ready Battery

Mary was made ready by an angel

The Roman Christians were made ready by the eternal promises of God in the OT

We are made ready by God's powerful Word.

Powerful Word that can create everything we see, feel, taste, touch and smell out of nothing!

Powerful Word that can tell water to cover the earth!

Powerful Word that can tell the sun to stop shining!

Powerful Word that can bring the dead back to life!

Powerful Word that can take what we've done wrong and make us right!

Powerful Word that will be with us personally, over a dozen times God says to us in 2 Samuel – I will do it!

Powerful Word that declares everything wrong that we are to be made right by Jesus our baby King!

Powerful Word that charges our hearts to be ready for Jesus' return.... soon.

Ever ready to God means forever. Forever is when we will be with him when he is ready to call us home to heaven – by his Powerful Word!