

Sunday School Live Lesson

December 8, 2024

God's Promise

2 Samuel 7:4-17

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Questions for Us Today

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Which of God's Promises are you aware of?

Do you believe them?

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Objectives

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To understand what God promised King David and how that promise is being fulfilled.

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Samuel, David,
Nathan

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember These Things

Points of Information – Samuel

Samuel was born in answer to the fervent prayers of his previously barren mother, Hannah. She promised to give him back to God, if the Lord would provide her with a son. 1 Samuel 1:11.

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Samuel was called by God to serve. 1 Samuel 3:4-11. He served the Lord for all of his life – as a prophet, priest and judge.

Points of Information – Samuel

Samuel anointed the first two kings of Israel: Saul (1 Samuel 10:1) and David (1 Samuel 16:13).

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Samuel chided King Saul as a leader who was disobedient to God. 1 Samuel 15:22: “Obedience is better than sacrifice.”

Points of Information – Samuel

Psalm 99:6-7 tells us that God spoke to Samuel out of the pillar of a cloud, as He had done with Moses and Aaron.

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Upon his death, Samuel was buried by the Israelites at Ramah, where he was born. 1 Samuel 25:1.

Points of Information – David

David was the greatest king of Israel. He is mentioned around a thousand times in the Bible.

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Under the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, David was the primary author of at least 73 (of 150) Psalms.

Points of Information – David

God sent Samuel to the Bethlehem house of a man named Jesse to find and anoint a successor to Israel's wayward King Saul.

1 Samuel 16:4-13. Samuel had told King Saul that God wanted “a man after His own heart” to be the king. 1 Samuel 13:14. David was that man.

David was the eighth son of Jesse, the son of Obed. Obed was the son of Ruth and Boaz. Boaz was the son of Rahab and Salmon. All of these people were earthly ancestors of Jesus.

Points of Information – David

David's battle with and triumph over the Philistine giant, Goliath, is a legendary story. The diminutive combatant (comparatively speaking) carried five smooth stones in a sling for the fight with this gargantuan enemy and defeated him. 1 Samuel 17:4-51.

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David wanted to build what he considered a proper house (temple) for the Lord. But he was told not to by the Prophet Nathan, per his (Nathan's) instructions from the Lord. This task was to be completed by David's son, Solomon.

Points of Information – David

God promised David that his kingdom would rule and last forever. 2 Samuel 7:12-16. This is the Davidic Covenant. God's promise to King David is fulfilled through David's greatest Descendant, Christ Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

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David committed a horrible sin when he forcibly slept with another man's wife (Bathsheba) and then had that man (Uriah) placed in the line of fire so that he would be killed. 2 Samuel 11:2-24. Yet, David honestly admitted his sin and fervently pleaded to the Lord for forgiveness and received it. Psalms 32 and 51.

Points of Information – Nathan

Nathan served as a Prophet of God and as an advisor to King David.

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Parts of the Books of Samuel are credited to Nathan as an author. 1 Chronicles 29:29.

Points of Information – Nathan

After King David committed the horrific crime of forcibly sleeping with Bathsheba and having her husband (Uriah) killed, Nathan told the king that what he had done was terribly wrong.

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In the earlier Chapters of 2 Samuel, David mourned the death of Saul, experienced challenges to his rule over Israel, established Jerusalem as the Capital of the United Kingdom, defeated the Philistine army and brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.

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In the first three Verses of 2 Samuel 7, King David tells Nathan (the prophet) that a structure should be built for God's Ark of the Covenant – instead of it remaining in a tent (the Tabernacle).

Nathan agrees.

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In the final Verses (18-29) of today's Chapter, King David offers a fervent and heartfelt prayer to a giving, generous and gracious God.

Now, for today's text...

2 Samuel 7:4 [NIV]

But that night the Word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

2 Samuel 7:5

“Go tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?’

2 Samuel 7:6

I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

2 Samuel 7:7

Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”

2 Samuel 7:8

“Now then, tell my servant David,
‘This is what the LORD almighty says:
I took you from the pasture, from
tending the flock, and appointed you
ruler over my people Israel.

2 Samuel 7:9

I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth.

2 Samuel 7:10

And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning

2 Samuel 7:11

and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD Himself will establish a house for you:

2 Samuel 7:12

When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.

2 Samuel 7:13

He is the one who will build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Samuel 7:14

I will be his Father, and he will be My son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands.

2 Samuel 7:15

But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

2 Samuel 7:16

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever’.”

2 Samuel 7:17

Nathan reported to David all the Words of this entire revelation.

Remember these things:

Know that God fulfills His promises, in His Time.

Obey what the Lord directs you to do.

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