



If a friend  
asked you:

“What is the  
Bible all  
about?”

What would  
would you say?

# 2 Samuel 7

## Lesson 5

### Read 2 Samuel 7

## Sermon Scavenger Hunt

**As you listen to the sermon on Sunday, see if you can discover the answers to the following questions. Turn in a copy of your scavenger hunt answers for a prize!**

God gave the people of Israel rest from all of their enemies which allowed King David some down time to notice something important. King David had a fancy palace, but God's house hadn't been built and the Ark of the Covenant was still in a portable tent. David told the prophet, Nathan, it was time to build a temple for God. But God spoke to Nathan and said David's son, Solomon, would be the king to build the temple.

1. Can you name the 4 mountain peaks of God's promise/plan that we've looked at so far (hint: 3 are in Genesis and 1 is in Exodus).
2. Why doesn't God want David to build a temple?
3. God's word from Nathan to David was this, "you want to build a house for me, forget it – I am going to build a house for you." God reminds David he's doing the building here, not David.

## Did you know?

“Israel’s temple in the Bible is described as the place where God’s space and humanity’s space are one. In fact, the whole biblical drama can be told as a story about God’s temple...The temple was a sacred re-enactment of humanity’s return to the garden, to live together with God in peace. In this way, the temple was a prophetic symbol that pointed forward to the day when not just a select few priests, but everyone could enter into the divine presence in a renewed creation.”

From: The Bible Project

Check out this video on the temple from The Bible Project:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/temple/>

The temple will be built by David’s son, but a temple made of bricks and mortar is not as important as the everlasting kingdom God builds. How does this idea change your perspective on what it means to serve God?

4. Verses 12-13 say, *“When your time comes and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”* Can you guess who that King is?
5. Verse 16 says, *“Your house and kingdom will endure before Me forever, and your throne will be established forever.”* David wanted to build a house for God so that the people could worship God. Instead, God built David a house that would last forever. How do you think God’s promise came true?
6. One of the most important lessons we will ever learn is, “There is a God and that God is not us.” How did King David, the most powerful man in all of Israel, remember Who was truly on the throne? (Hint: See 2 Samuel 7:18)
7. Sitting under God’s authority is one of the most challenging things we will do in our Christian walk. In *Renovation of the Heart*, Dallas Willard writes, “The secret to peace, as great apprentices of Jesus have long known, is being abandoned to God.” What do you think this means?
8. True or False. David had his man-sized plan, but when he gave his plan to God it became a Mountain Peak of Promise that blessed the entire world.

**Prayer:** Father God, thank you for keeping your promise to David. Thank you for King Jesus, who reigns on an eternal throne and establishes his forever kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Memory Verse:** “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6