

2 Samuel 7

3-13-11

“How to Handle the Disappointments of Life!”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. So besides the **island** of **Japan** moving 8’ from where it was; the **earths axis** moving 4-8”; a **nuclear meltdown** happening...how was your week? *Crazy Times! End Times?*
- B. **Show Keynote: Freedom Sunday!**
- C. **Prayer:** 1st Read **Ps.103:1-5**.
 - 1. Pray for Japan; Thailand Trip.
- D. Quick overview of the rest of the book:
 - 1. Next 4 chapters David is involved in 4 important activities:
Ch.7 Accepting God’s will; **Ch.8** Fighting God’s battles;
Ch.9 Sharing God’s Kindness; **Ch.10** Defending God’s honor.
 - 2. **Then, David goes “Chapter 11” on us!** He starts disobeying God & suffers the painful consequences of his sins.
 - 3. Andrew Bonar rightly said, *We must be as watchful after the victory as before the battle!*

II. **How To Handle The Disappointments Of Life!**

- A. **DAVID DREAMS!** (1-4)
- B. (1) *What do you do while kicking back in your home?* [some get holy, some get into sin]
 - 1. **Nebuchadnezzar** when he had no wars to fight boasted, **“Is not great Babylon, that I have built?”**(Dan.4:30).
 - 2. **Solomon** collected wealth & wives & entertained foreign guests & wrote books during his down time.
 - 3. **Hezekiah** supervised scholars who copied & preserved the Scriptures (Prov25:1)
 - 4. It appears that in **David’s** leisure hours, he thought about **the Lord**.
 - a) **Gratitude** prompted him to make some return to the Lord.
 - b) Prosperity tests the sincerity of a man’s devotion to God.
 - (1) *It is not all men that can carry a full cup w/a steady hand!*
 - 5. *Have you rested lately?* Remember, The tranquil lake reflects more of the solemn beauty of the stars than the brawling stream.
 - a) **Remember the lesson of the violin!** (my teacher at FJC) Aesop explained, “If you keep a bow always bent, it will break eventually; but if you let it go slack, it will be more fit for use when you want it.” [axe analogy; young man vs. Old man - Eccl.10:10]

- C. (3) Meet **Nathan** the prophet (1st mentioned)
1. Davids 1st prophet during his exile was was **Gad**. [He's still around]
- D. **GOD SPEAKS!** (5-17)
- E. (5) No, but thanks for asking! (my kids)
1. **Just because** your hearts in the right place; **Just because** your plan is a noble one; **just because** your friends applaud it; **didn't mean it was God's will!**
 2. See, every plan we design **for** God isn't necessarily **of** God!
- F. (8) Right now they don't need a Temple but a shepherd...*So, Shepherd My people!*
- G. (10-16) The Davidic covenant!
1. We learn the foundation of God's **purposes & dealings** w/Israel in His **covenant w/Abraham**. [Promised him: a **land**; a great **name**; to multiply **descendants**; & his **blessing & protection**]
 2. So now David's covenant builds on Abraham's, for it speaks about **the nation, the land, & the Messiah**.
- H. (11) **House** is used **15 x's** in this chapter alone. [& in 3 different ways]
1. Refers to **David's palace**(1,2); the **Temple**(5,7,13); **David's dynasty**(11,13,16,18-29).
 2. So, God turns the tables...**you want to build Me a house? I'll build you one!**
- I. God's **1st announcement** of **the coming of the Savior** was given in Gen.3:15, informing us the Savior would be a **human being** not an angel(**her seed**). **Next**, in Gen.12:3 He tells us He would be **Jewish**. **Then** in Gen.49:10 He would come through the tribe of **Judah**.
1. **Now** we learn here that Messiah would come through **David's family**.
 2. **Then Micah** would add(in ch.5:2) His **birth place** would be in Bethlehem, **so** He'd be able to fill out His Passport. :)
 3. **No wonder David was gets elated**(in 18-29) when he learned that Messiah would be known as "**the Son of David**." (Mt.1:1)
- J. **Lessons #1** - God's servants must learn to **accept** the **disappointments** of life.
1. A.T.Pierson used to say, "**Disappointments are His appointments**."
- K. **Lessons #2** - When God says **no**, it means He has **a better way**, & He expects me to support it!

L. **Lessons #3** - My very best reaction is **cooperation & humility!**

1. He **doesn't** call everybody to build temples! **But He does** call everyone to be **faithful & obedient**.
 - a) **Some of you live with broken dreams**. Sometime in the past you had **high hopes** that your life would go in a certain direction; **but** for some mysterious reason God said, **No!**
 - b) And you moved along, **&** now years have gone by, **&** others younger have taken your place. *How quickly age takes over!*
 - c) As James Dobson said, "About the time our **face** clears up, our **mind** gets fuzzy!"

M. **Great Poem:** (anonymous)

1. **One by one God took them from me**
All the things I valued most;
Until I was empty-handed,
Every glittering toy was lost.
And I walked earth's highways,
Grieving, in my rags and poverty.
Until I heard His voice inviting,
"Lift those empty hands to Me!"
Then I turned my hands to heaven,
And He filled them with His riches,
Until they could contain no more.
And at last I comprehended
With my stupid mind, and dull,
That God cannot pour His riches
Into hands already full.

N. **DAVID SPEAKS!** (18-29)

O. **THE PRESENT!** (18-21)

P. The way David responded to this great Word from God is a good example for us to follow today:

1. **He sat before the Lord**(18). [did not try to change Gods mind!]
2. **And he humbled himself**(at least 10 x's called himself the servant of God); **&** then refers himself as simply **David**(20) not the King!
3. **Then, he praised God for His Greatness & Grace!**

Q. **In verses 18-20 & 28,29** David addresses God as **Lord God**, which in Hebrew is *Jehovah Adonai, the Sovereign Lord*. **In verses 22,25** it's *Jehovah Elohim, the God of Power*.

R. **THE PAST!** (22-24)

S. David just expresses profound wonder at God's greatness!

T. (24) Note we've had a number of "*forevers*".

1. A forever **throne**(13); A forever **kingdom**(16); A forever **nation**(24);
A forever **promise**(25); A forever **blessing**(29).

U. **THE FUTURE!** (25-29)

1. The thrust of vs.27 is *thy Kingdom come*.

2. The thrust of vs.28 is *thy will be done*.

V. There is a **church** today because God used David's family to bring the Savior into the world. There is a future for Israel today because God gave David a throne forever!