

SERMON TITLE: **Building A House For God**

TEXT: **2 Samuel 7:1-17**

INTRODUCTION.

In this sermon, we will learn about the importance of allowing Jesus to fully reign in our lives as Sovereign Lord. As we study what Scripture says, we will see that Jesus fulfills promises God made to David and in fulfilling those promises aims to build us up into a house for his own dwelling.

DISCUSSION.

Compare your life today with how you were 5 or 10 years ago. In what ways are you already submitting to the lordship of Jesus over your life?

EXAMINATION.

2 Samuel 7:1-17

What was right and appropriate about David's desire to build a house for God (v. 1)? What was inappropriate about David's desire to build a house for God (vv. 5 & 7)? What is God's attitude regarding David's house of cedar (vv. 5-7)? Why is he resistant to the idea?

What is revealed in verses 4-17 about God's ways of dealing with his people? In what ways do these verses help us understand God's sovereignty and our need of Him?

David's temple would have likely become an object of worship rather than a place of worship. Do we ever succumb to the same temptation to make objects of worship out of our places of worship? What can we do to guard against such temptation?

What does the promise in verse 15 indicate about the nature of God's love for us? In what ways should we understand God's promises in 7:4-16 as pointing to Jesus? How do they depend on Jesus for their most complete fulfillment? In what way today is David's house and kingdom "established forever" (v. 16 - see also Is. 9:6-7; Lk. 1:32-33)? In what ways might your own obedience to Jesus "establish" David's house and kingdom?

Look again closely at what the Lord tells David in 7:8-9. If the Lord sent a prophet to you with a statement expressing the essence of what God has already done for you, and what He promises to do for you in the future — what would that statement say?

APPLICATION.

- What one thing will you do this week or this month to more clearly demonstrate that Jesus is your Lord as well as your Savior?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?