

## 2 Samuel 7:1-29

### You Are Great, Oh Lord God

Do you listen for God?

When God speaks in the Bible or through people, do you listen and obey?

God's promises come true. Do you cling to His words with faith?

Do you give worship and credit to God?

**Vs 1-17** God protects and helps His people.

**Where do you need help or protection now from God? Are you asking God to help?**

God protected David and the people of Israel for a season. There was rest from war.

**Job 15:8** *Have you listened in the council of God? And do you limit wisdom to yourself?*

**Proverbs 1:7** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**Proverbs 9:10** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

**Proverbs 10:31** *The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.*

David wants to build a place for the ark. He asks for wisdom and council from a competent, godly man. Nathan encourages David to follow his calling.

**Who do you trust in your life to talk to about the hard stuff?**

**Who, in your life, do you seek godly council from?**

**Where in your life do you need to be open and seek council?**

**Vs -4** God communicates with us. When He leads us we must follow.

God tells Nathan what to do. Nathan shares that with David.

**When God asks us to do something and we obey it is worship? God uses people to do His work.**

**Exodus 25:10-16 GIVES THE RULES FOR THE ARK.**

*"They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits[b] and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it. 12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. 13 You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. 14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them. 15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. 16 And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.*

**David had it in his heart to build a permanent place for the ark. A king thinks about a castle. David wanted this for God. God's plan was to not have a building. This might be so the ark**

could be mobile. David also had a lot of blood on his hands in battle. God might not have wanted David to do that because of this.

**1 Kings 5:3** *"You know that David my father could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet.*

**God knows all that we have done. God helps us in life. Anything we have in life that is good comes from God. Do you thank Him? Do you worship Him?**

**God's covenant looks like it is just for David. These promises that David gets from God impact us now. Jesus came from the line of Jesse and David. God has an eternal plan.**

One of the promises of God as a good father is to discipline a son or daughter to help them to learn or be better. God disciplines us to help us. We must discipline our kids to help them.

**Vs 18-29** David says O Lord God 8 times in this section. This shows his closeness and intimacy with God. He is clear who he is talking to and he is clear to acknowledge God in this exchange.

David shows his dependence and deference to God in that passage.

**Are you reverent before God? Do you talk to God? Do you worship and obey God? Do you defer to Him as God or do you try to rule yourself? Are you humble before the Lord?**

**David gives credit to God for his success. Do you do this or do you take credit?**

**God goes to redeem His people. He did that with Israel and He does that for those who ask Jesus to be Master of their lives. God loves us, sacrificed for us, blesses, helps us, and saves us.**

God does all of these things for us; therefore, He deserves to be worshipped, praised, and adored.

God's name will be magnified forever!

David leaves his first thought of making a house for the ark. God tells David to build a house for himself and David obeys. David knows God's name is great and he wants God's name to be great. God is a promise keeper. God not only promised David a house, but He promises us an eternal house in heaven. If we trust in Jesus, we are saved and he will protect us and provide for us for eternity.

**Here are some of the best blessings in the Bible<sup>1234</sup>:**

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."* **(Numbers 6:24-26)**

*"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* **(Philippians 4:19)**

*"May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans!"* **(Psalm 20:4)**

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* **(Matthew 5:4)**

*"If you return to the Almighty you will be built up."* **(Job 22:23)**