

Sermon Outline

DAVID'S PRAYER (AFTER A CANCELLED BUILDING PROJECT) | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-29 (p.436)

Great Prayers in the Bible ...		
23/11	David's prayer (after a cancelled building project)	2 Sam 7:1-29
30/11	Solomon's prayer (at the opening of the Temple)	2 Chr 6:12-42
7/12	Daniel's prayer (after the Temple has been destroyed)	Dan 9:1-19
14/12	Ezra's prayer (after the Temple has been rebuilt)	Ezra 9:1-15
21/12	Our Lord's kingdom-building prayer	Mt 6:9-13

Why we're doing this series ...

2 Tim 3:16 **All Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Big idea: prayer begins with our circumstances but is based on God's character

1. The bigger and better story we belong to (aka the OT in a nutshell)

Genesis	Exodus	Lev/Num/Dt	Joshua	Judges
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God's promise to Abraham (Isaac, Jacob & Joseph)	Moses leads Israel out of slavery in Egypt	40 years wandering in the desert	After Moses dies, Joshua leads into Promised Land	After Joshua dies, anarchy descends on Israel ...

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 **"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.** 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; **and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**"

Gen 17:3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and **kings will come from you.**

Dt 12:10 But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety. 11 **Then to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name - there you are to bring everything I command you:** your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD.

Judges 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

2. David's building plan/God's promise to David/David's prayer (2 Sam 7)

i. David's building plan (vv1-3)

ii. God's promise to David (vv4-16)

From: "David wants to build God a house"
To: "God is going to build David a dynasty (aka "the House of David")"

Q. Who is David's offspring (aka God's son)?

Mt 1:1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham ...

iii. David's prayer (vv17-29)

3. So what, for us?

i. How highly should Christians value church buildings?

ii. How do Christians pray David's prayer today?

Eph 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with **every spiritual blessing in Christ.**

Eph 3:20 **Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,** according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Lord's prayer ...

iii. How are we to respond when God has a different answer to our prayers?

*Heavenly Father
Thank you for promising to bless all the people of the world through Abraham
Thank you for promising David that his line would endure forever
Thank you for David's greatest son Jesus in whom all your promises find their "yes"
Today we praise you for every spiritual blessing we have in Christ in the heavenly realms
Please do immeasurably more for us than we could ever ask or imagine, so you might be glorified in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen!*