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Do not over take God's glory

Summary of 2 Samuel Chapter 7: This chapter describes God's covenant with David. When David lived in a house he had built, he expressed to Nathan, the prophet, that he wanted to build a temple for God. But God told Nathan that he did not need David to build a temple for him, but to establish David's lineage so that his kingdom would last forever. God made many promises to David, including that his descendants would be the founders of the dynasty and that his kingdom would never be destroyed. David was very grateful for God's promise and continued to rule over Israel with God's blessing. This chapter shows that God's plan is beyond human imagination and that His promised Word is reliable.

God did not allow David to build a temple for him, Moses to enter the land of Canaan, and not to rob people of God's glory. All leave imperfections or regrets in His servants. However, it may be such a good thing that people will not be proud and worship themselves more than God

It is an act of conceit and arrogance to rob God of his glory, for God is the source of all glory.

Christianity teaches us to humbly accept God's grace and glory rather than try to take credit for it. In the Bible, the glory of God is described as incomparable, beyond human comprehension.

So, when we strive to gain glory in ourselves, we are actually competing for the honor that belongs to God.

Prayer is an act of humility and a way of expressing piety and obedience to God. Through prayer, we acknowledge God as the creator and ruler of the universe and that we rely on him for grace and guidance. Prayer not only soothes a restless and chaotic mind, but it also helps us to maintain a humble and God-fearing mindset away from self-centeredness and arrogance.

Therefore, let us open our hearts in prayer, humbly seek God's grace and guidance, acknowledge His greatness and glory, and not rob Him of the glory that belongs to Him, but give credit to Him at all times.

Here are some Bible passages that teach us not to take the glory of God:

Isaiah 42:8: "I am the Lord, and this is my name; I will not give my glory to false gods, nor my praise to carved idols. "

Isaiah 48:11: "I will not give away my glory to another, nor will I give my praise to carved idols." "

Psalms 115:1: "Glory not be to us, O Lord; Do not give it to us, but give it to your name for your lovingkindness and truthfulness. "

I Corinthians 10:31, "Therefore eat and drink, whatever you do, walk for the glory of God." "

John 7:18, "Whoever comes out of himself, seek his glory; Those who come from God seek the glory of God. "

Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do, whether you speak or do, give thanks to God the Father through him, in the name of the Lord Jesus." "

These verses emphasize the importance of giving glory to God and warn us not to give glory to ourselves or other gods. Instead, we should humbly honor God and give Him all glory.

The essence of church ministry is to serve God, not just to meet human needs or gain human approval. In Christianity, ministry is a sacred duty and privilege designed to glorify God and demonstrate His love and grace.

First, church ministry is based on love and obedience to God. Our movement and service should be motivated by love for God and obedience to His Word, not out of the pursuit of human praise or approval. The Bible teaches us, "Whatsoever you do, do it with your heart, as unto the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23). This shows that the purpose of ministry should be for the sake of God's please, not for the praise of men.

Second, church ministry is based on love and care for others. While our primary goal is to serve God, we should also show love and care for others in our service to God. Jesus taught us in Matthew 25 that when we do things for others, we are doing things for Christ. Therefore, the church serves not only for the glory of God, but also for love, care, and help.

Church ministry is achieved through humility and devotion. We should follow Christ's example and humbly serve others without expecting anything in return, without seeking status or glory. In Philippians 2:3-4, Paul says, "Do not be divisive in anything, do not covet vain glory, but be humble in heart, and each one shall be better than himself; Let each one look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. This reminds us to be humble in our ministry for the sake of others, not for our own good or glory.

Therefore, the essence of church ministry is to serve God, to demonstrate His love and grace, and to achieve this through love and devotion to others. In this process, we do not do it for ourselves, but for the glory of God and the blessing of others.

We pray

God the Father, we humbly come to your throne before you. We thank you for giving us everything we have today, including life, health, and opportunity. Lord, help us to always remember that you come first in all things.

Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and strength to seek Your will in all things. Let our hearts be aligned with yours, and may our actions and words reflect your glory and goodness.

Help us let go of our ego, let go of our selfish desires, let go of everything that is holding us back from our relationship with you. Let our lives be a response to your love, an honor to your holy name, and a submission to your will.

Lord, we also pray at this time for all Christians in the world to remain steadfast in putting you first in the face of challenges and trials. May your inspiration move and guide them so that their testimony may glorify your name.

Finally, Lord, please grant us peace and joy because we believe that a God-first lifestyle in all things will lead to eternal peace and joy. Let your name be glorified forever. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

2 Samuel

CHAPTER 7

2Sa. 7:1 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,

2Sa. 7:2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

2Sa. 7:3 Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

2Sa. 7:4 That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

2Sa. 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says:

Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?"

2Sa. 7:6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.

2Sa. 7:7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

2Sa. 7:8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD

Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel.

2Sa. 7:9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.

2Sa. 7:10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer

be disturbed. Wicked people shall not oppress them any more, as they did at the beginning

2Sa. 7:11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders [Traditionally judges] over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

2Sa. 7:12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa. 7:13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

2Sa. 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men.

2Sa. 7:15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

2Sa. 7:16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; [Some Hebrew manuscripts and Septuagint; most Hebrew manuscripts you] your throne shall be established for ever.’“

2Sa. 7:17 Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

2Sa. 7:18 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: “Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

2Sa. 7:19 And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign LORD?

2Sa. 7:20 “What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Sovereign LORD.

2Sa. 7:21 For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

2Sa. 7:22 “How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no-one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

2Sa. 7:23 And who is like your people Israel — the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? [See Septuagint and 1 Chron. 17:21; Hebrew wonders for your land and before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt, from the nations and their gods.]

2Sa. 7:24 You have established your people Israel as your very own for ever, and you, O LORD, have become their God.

2Sa. 7:25 “And now, LORD God, keep for ever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised,

2Sa. 7:26 so that your name will be great for ever. Then men will say, ‘The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established before you.

2Sa. 7:27 “O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to offer you this prayer.

2Sa. 7:28 Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. 2Sa. 7:29 Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue for ever in your sight; for you, O Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed for ever.”

Chapter 7 of the book of 2 Samuel describes God's promise to David to establish his kingdom and dynasty forever. After David has settled into his palace and has defeated his enemies, he expresses his desire to build a house, or temple, for God. However, God responds through the prophet Nathan that He has never asked for a house to be built for Him, but rather, He will make a house, or a dynasty, for David. God promises to establish David's kingdom forever and to bless his descendants, and that one of his descendants will be a king who will reign forever. David responds with humility and thankfulness, praising God for His faithfulness and goodness.

David's reign continues to be characterized by success and prosperity, and the chapter ends with David's prayer of gratitude to God for His promises and blessings.

Here are some important verses from chapter 7 of the book of 2 Samuel:

1. "After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.'" (2 Samuel 7:1-2) - This verse sets the stage for the chapter, as David expresses his desire to build a temple for the Lord.
2. "But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying: 'Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?'" (2 Samuel 7:4-5) - This verse shows how God speaks to Nathan and instructs him to tell David that he is not the one who will build the temple.
3. "The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you." (2 Samuel 7:11) - This verse contains God's promise to David that he will establish a dynasty for him, ensuring that his descendants will continue to rule over Israel.
4. "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:16) - This verse reinforces God's promise to David, stating that his kingdom will last forever and that his throne will be established forever.
5. "So King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: 'Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?'" (2 Samuel 7:18) - This verse shows David's humility and gratitude as he reflects on God's promise to him and his family.

Overall, chapter 7 of 2 Samuel contains one of the most important promises in the Bible - God's promise to establish a dynasty for David that will last forever. The chapter also highlights David's desire to build a temple for the Lord, and God's response to his request. The chapter underscores the importance of humility and gratitude in approaching God, and the significance of God's promises for the future of Israel.

! In 2 Samuel Chapter 7, we encounter the covenant between God and David, where God promises to establish a perpetual dynasty for David. Here are some key reflections from the chapter:

David's Desire to Build God a House: At the beginning of the chapter, we see David expressing his desire to build a house for God, a permanent dwelling place for the Ark of the Covenant. This reflects David's deep devotion to God and his desire to honor Him. It shows his heart for worship and his recognition that God deserves a place of honor.

God's Response and Covenant with David: God sends the prophet Nathan to deliver a message to David. Nathan conveys God's response to David's desire to build Him a house. God, through Nathan, reveals that He will establish a perpetual dynasty for David, promising that one of David's descendants will build a house for Him. This covenant demonstrates God's faithfulness to His promises and His special relationship with David.

David's Humility and Gratitude: Upon hearing God's promise, David responds with humility and gratitude. He recognizes his lowly status and marvels at God's graciousness. David

acknowledges God's blessings and faithfulness throughout his life, expressing his unworthiness of the covenant. His response reflects a heart of humility and gratitude before God.

The Messianic Prophecy: Within God's promise to David, there is a prophetic element concerning the coming Messiah. God declares that He will raise up one of David's descendants to establish His kingdom forever. This foreshadows the future fulfillment in Jesus Christ, who comes from the lineage of David and establishes an eternal kingdom.

God's Faithfulness and Sovereignty: Chapter 7 underscores God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises. It reveals His sovereignty in choosing David and establishing his dynasty. It also highlights the greater plan of God's redemptive work through the Messiah, demonstrating His providential purposes and the unfolding of His divine plan throughout history.

Overall, 2 Samuel Chapter 7 showcases David's desire to build a house for God, God's response with a covenant promising a perpetual dynasty for David, David's humble and grateful response, the messianic prophecy within the covenant, and God's faithfulness and sovereignty in fulfilling His promises. This chapter emphasizes the special relationship between God and David, pointing towards the greater fulfillment of God's plan in Jesus Christ, the eternal King from the line of David.