

God's Promise to David 2 Samuel 7 ***Achieving Greatness for God***

- ü How do you define Greatness?
 - ü When you were young, or at any time in your life, have you ever dream about becoming the "Greatest"?
 - ü Does our culture place value on greatness?
 - ü Have you ever desired to do something great for God?
 - ü Have you ever felt Greatness of God using you to accomplish His purpose?
- 1) Why does David want to build a house for the Lord? (Vs 1-3)
 - 2) Does David seek the Lord's approval to build a temple? (Vs 4-7)
 - a. What is the initial response?
 - b. According to the Lord what have both Nathan and David failed to take into account?
 - 3) Throughout history many sincere people have built impressive monuments to God that He never asked for.
 - a. How do you think God feels about that?
 - b. How can we avoid this type of misguided effort?
 - 4) Verses 8-16 have been called the Davidic covenant.
 - a. What specific promises does God make to David?
 - 5) What is David's reaction to hearing the promises of God to him? (Vs 18-24)
 - a. What is David's attitude towards God?
 - b. In Hearing, understanding and experiencing God's promises in your life, have you ever felt the same?
 - 6) After praising God's greatness what requests does David make? (Vs 25-29)
 - 7) If the "Sovereign Lord" has already guaranteed to fulfill His promises, then why do you think David asks Him to do so?
 - a. What insight do we learn about the relationship between God's Sovereignty and our responsibility?
 - 8) David refers to God as "Sovereign Lord" 7 times in Vs 18-29.
 - a. What does the "Sovereignty" of God mean to you?
 - b. Can we depend, rely and trust in our Sovereign God?

Applying it in my Life

David wanted to give God a great gift, a Temple for the people to Worship Him in. As we contemplate what Great gift we can give to God let's remember:

GOD VALUES THE _____ OF GIVING MORE THAN THE _____ OF GIVING
God likes the spirit of giving more than the size of the gift. He values the giver more than the gift, the donor more than the donation, the spender more than the spending, the proprietor more than his property, and the landlord more than his land. He appreciates not the wages or earnings, but the wage-earner.

GOD VALUES THE _____ MORE THAN THE _____
Who you are means much more to Him than what you have, how you repay Him with your conduct is of more value than how much you repay Him with your checkbook, and how you can honor Him seven days a week trumps how you can honor him one day a week. It's been said, "If you do not live it, you do not believe it." While certainly not perfect, David believed it and lived it.

GOD VALUES THE _____ OF THE GIVER MORE THAN THE _____ OF THE GIVER
One of David's strengths was that he could humble himself before God, friends, and enemies. He was humble when God put an end to his plans to build a temple for Him. David calls himself a servant to:

- ü Saul's five times (1 Sam 17:32, 34, 36, 19:4, 26:19, 29:8),
- ü Jonathan's one time (1 Sam 20:6-8),
- ü Achish's three times (1 Sam 27:5, 28:2, 29:8)
- ü Nabal's servant once (1 Sam 25:8).
- ü The Lord eight times in this chapter, uncounted times in the Psalms and the rest of Scripture.

When we humble ourselves, God elevates us. David was at his greatest, when he was at his humblest before God. Even then David recognized that his greatness was overstated (v 18) and like all other great people, was limited to the earth and that only God is unqualified in greatness. Because of David's relationship with God, God blessed him with greatness.

Make your mission to achieve greatness for
God in all areas of life this week!