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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
God may conceal the purpose of His ways, but His ways are not without purpose

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:
Father, we want our hopes and dreams and our hearts to align with Yours. Teach us to praise You when we are tempted to doubt Your goodness.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:
23 "And now, O Lord, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said.
24 So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.
(1 Chron 17:23-24 NKJV)
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Series: Covenants with God
UNIT: Called into Covenant with God

NEXT WEEK

**God's Covenant with
the Returned Exiles**
(Neh 9:32-38; 10:28-29)

God's Covenant with David 2 Sam 7:1-6, 8-10, 12-16

Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson examines and helps us understand the unconditional nature of **God's Covenant with David**. The **study's aim** is to be grateful for God's unconditional commitment to His children. The **study's application** is to thank God for His unconditional promise to save us eternally.

(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)

Lesson Introduction and Background

Here is a mighty prophecy. Psalm 89 calls the substance of it God's "covenant" with David (vs. 3; cf. vs. 4). In this psalm we learn that the covenant results in glorious praise being lifted up to God as the one and only true God who can control history and bring His glorious plan to fruition. This covenant includes in its vision the messianic plan of the Lord Jesus from His first coming all the way to His second coming and on into eternity. The covenant, revealed to Nathan the prophet, gives us a sense of what it is to be part of God's glorious, eternal, victorious saving plan. We see in the text three aspects of the covenantal promise to David. First, he would be given a "house" forever. This refers to a people. God covenanted with David that He would secure a royal line of descendants that would culminate in the Messiah Himself. When we come to know the Lord as our Saviour, we have to realize that we are part of something much greater than the simple transaction of faith and salvation we make on a given day. We are drawn into God's covenant, secured into the eternal people of God who are called out to worship Him forever. Second, we see that God's covenant with David includes a "kingdom." God's kingdom is sometimes more outwardly manifest than at other times. It is not always as visible as we would like today as God assembles for Himself a people from all the nations of the world. We can, however, see a picture of what the kingdom looks like to some degree in the local churches that are organized all over the globe to lift up the name of Jesus. The kingdom will not reach its full visibility until the Lord Jesus returns to the earth. Then God's kingdom will be fully manifest, with Jesus ruling with His people over all the earth. And this kingdom will be "forever." This leads to the third aspect of the Davidic covenant that we see in this text—that of dominion. God's covenant with David assured him that his throne would be established forever. So we have his house, his kingdom, and his eternal throne. The idea of a throne speaks of dominion and authority. One day, in the fulfillment of this covenant, there will be no more challenge to the authority of God upon the earth. There will be no more usurpation of His rule, with all the pain and trouble that causes. The Lord Jesus, the Seed of David, will rule in perfect justice and wisdom. What we see in this covenant is the full manifestation of God's glorious, saving plan. He will save a people for Himself. He will establish a kingdom for His Son, the Lord Jesus. And that kingdom will be ruled in perfect love and truth. To belong to Jesus is to belong to all these precious promises and prophetic truths. We are heirs of a kingdom and a throne. We shall be with the people of God forever. All this was spoken in response to David's desire to build a better "house" (temple) for God to dwell in (2 Sam. 7:1 -3). God was saying to him, "Wait until you see what I am going to build for you!" We cannot out give God. His plan for us goes far beyond anything we have done or could do for Him.

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NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

David's Plan Denied (2 Sam 7:1-6)

Plan based on man's idea of good times (1-2)

Plans to take life easy based on abundance (Luke 12:16-21)

Plans that have the wrong priorities about wealth (Luke 18:22-25)

Plans that hinder our productivity because of fear of losing (Luke 19:20-24)

Plans that put too much dependence on wealth (1 Tim 6:17)

Plans that try to hide things from God because of greed (Acts 5:1-5)

Plan based on other men approvals (3)

Approval of your peers versus godly wisdom (1 Kings 12:6-17)

Approval from leaders versus God (John 12:42)

Approval because people are prone to evil (Exodus 32:21-25)

Approval because of fear of people (1 Sam 15:19-25)

Plan not based on God's purposes (4-6)

God's purposes stand firm forever (Ps 33:10-11)

God's purposes determines man's steps (Prov 16:9)

God's purposes will prevail (Prov 19:21)

God's purposes will happen as He has planned (Isa 14:24)

God's purposes will stand (Isa 46:10)

God's purposes will happen because nothing is impossible for Him (Matt 19:26)

God's Past Blessings Reviewed (2 Sam 7:8-10)

David's blessings (8-9)

Blessing of selection from shepherding (1 Sam 16:11-13)

Blessing of the defeat of Goliath (1 Sam 17:45-51)

Blessing of selection as king (2 Sam 5:1-5)

Blessing of battle victories (2 Sam 5:18-19)

Israel's blessings (10)

Blessing of planting in a home (1 Chron 17:9)

Blessing of strength and peace (Ps 89:20-24)

Blessing of safety (Isa 60:18)

Blessing of an everlasting covenant of establishment (Ezek 37:25-28)

Blessing of their dominion (Hos 2:18)

God's Future Promises Defined (2 Sam 7:12-16)

Promise of kingdom established (12-13)

Established in a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Heb 12:28)

Established in God's eternal glory after suffering a little while (1 Peter 5:10)

Established in Jesus (Col 2:6-7)

Established by being built into God's dwelling (Eph 2:21-22)

Established by remaining in Jesus (John 15:5-7)

Promise of disciplines (14-15)

Discipline that produces perseverance, character, and hope (Rom 5:3-5)

Discipline that achieves an eternal glory (2 Cor 4:17)

Discipline that keeps me from going too far astray (Ps 119:67)

Discipline that keeps us from the folly of life (Prov 22:15)

Discipline that is part of God's pruning so that we will be more fruitful (John 15:2)

Discipline that aids in refining our faith and proves it is genuine (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Promise of eternal kingdom (16)

An eternal kingdom where God's covenant will ensure it is established forever (Ps 89:34-37)

An eternal kingdom that God promised (Jer 33:17)

An eternal kingdom that God sets up (Dan 2:44)

An eternal kingdom where God given authority never ends (Luke 1:32-33)

An eternal kingdom where righteousness is supreme (Heb 1:8)