

***"Building the Temple of the Lord"***

*Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (November 3, 2013)*

Introduction: This morning we considered some of the trials David had to face as king. One that we overlooked, for the purpose of studying it tonight, was the fact that God told him he could not build the temple (**II Samuel 7:1-29**). Remember that this happens before the sin with Bathsheba, but hits a climax afterward because the son God is referring to in the text is Solomon. The mother of Solomon was Bathsheba. In order grasp the full scope of the situation let's read and study together.....

Discussion:

***I. God Understood David's Desire***

- A. David's desire was good.  
**II Samuel 7:1-3, Exodus 25-30, II Chronicles 6:7-9**
- B. David's desire was gracious.  
**II Samuel 24:24, II Corinthians 9:7**
- C. David's desire was godly.  
**Psalm 19, Psalm 29, II Samuel 7:3**
- D. David's desire was great.  
**II Samuel 7:3, Genesis 12:1-3, Genesis 37:5-11**

***II. God Understood David's Denial***

- A. God reminds David of His purpose.  
**II Samuel 7:4-7, I Chronicles 17:10, II Samuel 7:13, 16, Luke 1:31-33**
- B. God reminds David of His provision.  
**II Samuel 7:9, Psalm 23**
- C. God reminds David of His promises.  
**II Samuel 7:11, II Samuel 7:12-15, I Chronicles 28:11**
- D. God reminds David of His plans.  
**II Samuel 7:16-17, Isaiah 55:8-9**

***III. God Understood David's Devotion***

- A. David had a humble devotion.  
**II Samuel 7:18, II Samuel 7:20-22, II Samuel 7:29, Matthew 6:9**
- B. David had a holy devotion.  
**II Samuel 7:18-29, Psalm 15:1**
- C. David had an honorable devotion.  
**II Samuel 7:27-29, Matthew 6:10**
- D. David had a hopeful devotion.  
**I Chronicles 22:1-19, I Chronicles 28:1-17, Philippians 1:21**

Conclusion: Our goal in life should NOT be to reach our dreams, but to see His perfect will carried out in our lives. There is no greater honor than being used by the Lord to bring glory to His name (**I Corinthians 10:31**). Remember that God has a bigger plan!