

DAVID AND GOD'S TEMPLE

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

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“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you:... Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

My wife and I live in a thirty year old trailer that she owned before we married. It's just a single-wide, on a lot that she owns, she has clear title to it, doesn't owe a mortgage, it is a simple place. Episodically we go “house hunting”, we have the means to make a pretty good down payment and to afford the payment, but we've struggled with making that commitment to a house when we aren't quite sure where we “ought” to be. We think about the “drive to work”. We had the short-term concerns about what school district we would be in for our daughter in high school, but in the long run, where has God called us to be?

We still haven't resolved that but as I look at today's story about David and the building of the temple, I take hope in the promise God made to him. David had built a cedar mansion for himself, but when he committed himself to building God's house, God responded with this promise for a house that will endure, forever.

Prayer: Lord, we are your people! We are eager to build up your house, to prepare your Kingdom here on earth. We will not despair or be anguished about where we will dwell here and now, but look forward to the promise as you've given it to David, of a house, as in John 14:3 “I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” That is where I want to be, Lord, in a new house, with you, forever. Amen.

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