

Daily Devotion For September 20, 2021

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

In my sermon yesterday I asked the question, "how do you respond when things don't go our way? We often make plans and think that our plans make sense, but how often do we consult God about the plans we are making? If we haven't consulted with God about our plans, chances are that He has something better in store for us.

King David enjoyed a special relationship with God. In 2 Samuel 7, after countless battles, setbacks and retreat, David finally had a firm grasp of the throne. But when David realized God has been living in a tent for years while he was living in a beautiful palace, he knew something had to be done. David wanted to build God a temple where the Ark of the Covenant could dwell.

Rather than allow David to build God's house, God assigned that to David's son Solomon. What's even more special is God declared David's line would continue forever, as Jesus would eventually take the throne.

David never got to see the temple during his lifetime, but he was assured of a greater honor—the promise of having his bloodline continue forever. God may steer your plans elsewhere, but His plans and purposes are always greater. And when we continually submit our plans to Him, He'll turn those into greater blessings than we could ever hope for or imagine.

Thought For Today: What plans of yours need to be submitted to God today? Remember, God may steer your plans elsewhere, but His plans and purposes are always greater.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that he is Sovereign and in control of the circumstances of your life. Take a look at this week's updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.