

Good Idea ~ Better Promise ~ Heartfelt Prayer

2 Samuel 7

1. A Good "IDEA" _____! (2 Samuel 7:1-3)
 - a. Set our minds on the things of God (Colossians 3:1)
 - b. Seek godly counsel
 - c. Hold our ideas with an open hand
 - d. Leave room for the sovereignty of God
2. A Better "PROMISE" _____! (2 Samuel 7:5-17)
 - a. An Enduring _____: v 9b "I will make your name great"
 - b. A Secure Future: v 10 "I will provide a place...they will no longer be disturbed"
 - c. An Established House: v 11b-12a "...the Lord Himself will establish a house for you"
 1. The word " _____ " here means dynasty
 2. The word " _____ " is literally seed
 - d. An Eternal Kingdom: v 16 "...your throne will be established forever"
 1. This passage is known to us as the Davidic Covenant; the word covenant means 'testament', agreement, or promise.
 - i. _____: **If..., then...**; like the Mosaic Covenant
 - ii. Unconditional: **No** conditions attached; like the Wedding Vow

The Frame

Abrahamic Covenant	_____ Covenant
Gen 12:1-3, 7 & 15:1-6	Luke 22:20

3. A Heartfelt "PRAYER" _____! (2 Samuel 7:18-29)
 - a. Sovereign Lord (Gen 15:2, 8)
 - b. ...this decree... "*is for a mere human*"; literally "*Your instruction for mankind*"
 1. The best translation is "*This is the Charter for Humanity.*"
 - c. The threefold use of " _____ " in verse 29

Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith,
and announced the **gospel** in advance to Abraham:

"All nations will be blessed through you."

Galatians 3:8-9

1. Can you remember a time when you had a good idea but it ended up being overlooked, passed by, or rejected? How did you respond in that situation and what was the ultimate outcome?
2. When you have important ideas or decisions, who do you turn to for godly input? Does anyone come to you for wisdom regarding their decisions?
3. God's promise to David is a further unfolding of His promise to Abraham. Read the following passages (Psalm 89:1-15; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:20) and note how they connect with 2 Samuel 7.
4. In light of what you have learned from the message, how do you understand both John the Baptist and Jesus' first messages to the people. Matthew 3:2 & Matthew 4:17. *"Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven has come near."*
5. Read Galatians 3:8-9 and describe what Paul understood God was saying to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.
6. Use David's prayer in 2 Samuel 7 18-29 as a guide for your prayer time. Ask God to give you a better sense of His marvelous plan of salvation that included you.