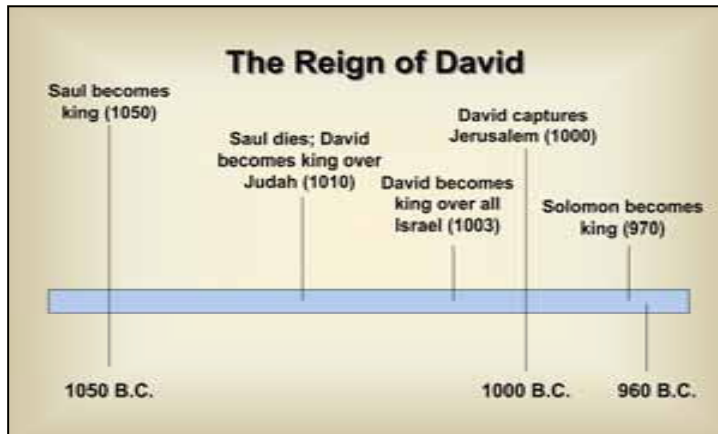


## SERMON NOTES

**God Speaks**  
**“Covenant Promises”**  
**1 Chronicles 17:1-20**  
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### 1 Chronicles 17:1-6 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> When David was settled in his palace, he summoned Nathan the prophet. “Look,” David said, “I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant is out there under a tent!”

<sup>2</sup> Nathan replied to David, “Do whatever you have in mind, for God is with you.”

<sup>3</sup> But that same night God said to Nathan,

<sup>4</sup> “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD has declared: You are not the one to build a house for me to live in. <sup>5</sup> I have never lived in a house, from the day I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until this very day. My home has always been a tent, moving from one place to another in a Tabernacle. <sup>6</sup> Yet no matter where I have gone with the Israelites, I have never once complained to Israel’s leaders, the shepherds of my people. I have never asked them, “Why haven’t you built me a beautiful cedar house?’”

## SERMON NOTES

### I. God’s Message to David

#### How does God speak into our lives today?

- Words of Assurance
- Words of Action
- Words of Admonition

### 1 Chronicles 17:7-8

<sup>7</sup> “Now go and say to my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies has declared: I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. <sup>8</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes...”

### 1 Chronicles 17:8-10

“Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! <sup>9</sup> And I will provide a homeland for my people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won’t oppress them as they’ve done in the past, <sup>10</sup> starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And I will defeat all your enemies. “Furthermore, I declare that the LORD **will build a house for you**—a dynasty of kings!”

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## II. God's Covenant Promises

God's Presence  
God's Protection  
God's Provision

### 1 Chronicles 17: 11-15

<sup>11</sup> For when you die and join your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, one of your sons, and I will make his kingdom strong. <sup>12</sup> He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for me. And I will secure his throne forever. <sup>13</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my favor from him as I took it from the one who ruled before you. <sup>14</sup> I will confirm him as king over my house and my kingdom for all time, and his throne will be secure forever.”

<sup>15</sup> So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the LORD had said in this vision.”

## III. What's the house that the Lord is building?

### 1 Peter 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

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## IV. What do we learn from David's prayer?

### 1 Chronicles 17: 16-20

<sup>16</sup> Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and prayed, “Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? <sup>17</sup> And now, O God, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! You speak as though I were someone very great, O LORD God! <sup>18</sup> “What more can I say to you about the way you have honored me? You know what your servant is really like. <sup>19</sup> For the sake of your servant, O LORD, and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have made them known. <sup>20</sup> **“O LORD, there is no one like you.** We have never even heard of another God like you!

### 2 Tim. 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,  
we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure,  
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,  
he will also disown us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless,  
he will remain faithful,  
for he cannot disown himself.