

Sermon: The Promise of a King.
Series: Let Earth Receive Her King.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-17
Date: December 8, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Read verses 13. David feels like he needs to build God a house. Why do you think he felt this way? Do you ever feel like you need to do something for God, or maybe that you are not doing enough for God?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) How does the Lord respond to David's idea of building a house for God? In what way does God remind David of both his complete fullness (he doesn't need anything) and his grace (he gives everything) (v. 4-11a)?

b) In what ways has God been reminding you of his grace lately? In what ways can you see the grace of God in Christ combating your "need" to earn God's favor or pay God back?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Focus on verses 11-17. What promises does God make to David in this covenant passage? How does Jesus ultimately fulfill these promises? How does this passage compare to Luke 1:31-33?

b) How does verse 14 point to Christ as our substitute on the cross? Compare to Isaiah 53:4-6.

APPLICATION

- a) What difference does the kingship of Jesus make in your personal life?
- i. Are you obeying Jesus even when it doesn't make sense?
 - ii. Are you placing any conditions on Jesus?
 - iii. Are you actively trusting Jesus to faithfully uphold you and come through for you?
 - iv. In what ways are you able to rejoice in grace?
 - v. Is Jesus the source of your hope? Or are you placing your hope of fulfillment in something/someone else?

PRAYER

- Thank God for his constant grace and his presence with us.
- Confess ways that you have fallen short of trusting and obeying Christ the King.
- Thank Jesus for being the only King that won't eventually oppress and crush us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to trust and obey our King, Jesus.