

Validity of Scripture

Study Guide

2 Samuel 7:28

2 Samuel 7:28 New International Version

Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.

2 Samuel 7:28 King James Version

And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

As I review the New International Version choice of words, Psalm 89:34 comes to mind.

Psalm 89:34 states, My covenant I will not break, nor alter the words coming from my lips. The NIV chooses covenant as God's words.

But as I read more the NIV, it says "good things", now we know God's covenant is a lot of promises in the Bible, but we must do our part, for those promises to manifest in our lives.

So, this scripture if not read in King James Version can be taken out of context. We must remember also that the context can also be taken out of context, if we are not understanding the backdrop of the scripture, meaning who is speaking, what is happening before and after the scripture. Let's do that first, let's read the scriptures leading up to 2 Samuel 7:28

A quick summary. 2 Samuel 6 - David captured the ark of the covenant, all were celebrating, David was blessing the people, the people were playing music and celebrating. David gave offering to the Lord and dancing naked before the Lord. Michal daughter of Saul was disgusted from the celebration, approached David and she became barren in her womb.

2 Samuel 7 begins with Nathan prophesying to David, in chapter 7, David was speaking directly to the Lord in prayer.

2 Samuel 7:1-27

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

²That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

³And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee.

⁴And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying,

⁵Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

⁶Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

⁷In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar?

⁸Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

⁹And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

¹⁰Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

¹¹And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

¹²And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy servant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.

22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

²⁷ For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

We read this prior scripture we see the whole context of verse 28.

We understand what David is giving thanks unto the Lord. David's heart was to build a house unto the Lord. David is telling the Lord, that he heard his word through the prophet Nathan, and He is obeying by building a house unto the Lord.

We understand that David knows that Nathan is God in the flesh, sent to him to give him a word of truth. David didn't double-check, David didn't hesitate to believe. David because his heart was pure before the Lord, God is granting a blessing over David and the Kingdom that God was creating for him.

He prayed unto the Lord and gave thanks and continued to do as the Lord requested.

The house was David, the ark of the covenant's home, was the outward manifestation of what was going on in the heart of David spiritually.

Verse 29 reads, "Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed forever."

David didn't hesitate when Nathan came to him. He believed Nathan was the mouthpiece of God, Nathan was God in the flesh to David.

David was humbled because he saw what the Lord had done for him, He saw that he was living lavish, while the Lord was in curtains 2 Samuel 7:2. That is when we see, Nathan gives David the word of the Lord.

David reminded the Lord of all the great things the Lord had done for the people of Israel. This is so important, because David is remembering God's goodness, and what God has already done and is doing.

2 Samuel 7 is a great reminder to us. We have learned so much from King David in these scriptures

David knew that God has blessed him with a cedar home, but he noticed that the Lord was outside of that cedar. Have you placed God on the outskirts of your heart? Think about that so much

David showed humility because he saw that where the ark of the covenant was placed was not a place that showed honor towards God.

God deserved the best and so that is what King David did through his humility and sacrificed himself fully to the Lord.

King David didn't think twice of the words from the prophet Nathan, King David again showed humility through honoring God, listened, and acted immediately upon the instructions from the Lord.

2 Samuel 7:28 is a great example of the word as truth. King David didn't hesitate to believe. King David was given the word from God's Prophet Nathan, honored God by listening to the instructions, acting quickly with the instructions, completing the instructions, and showing humility towards God.

So many times, people do not want to listen to the word of God. They want the word of God to fit what they want it to fit, they switch the words of God around to fit their desire at a given moment, instead of changing their heart.

We see how the ark of the covenant was an outside representation of King David's heart, how he realized that where his heart was – was no place for God to be, after everything God has already had done for him. He made that heart decision, and then we see how the Lord was grateful and decided to bless King David because of His inward sacrifice.

Study Guide Questions:

Do you put God on the outskirts of your heart, your life? And why How are you going to change?

How do you call on him?

How are you going to honor God today?

What steps are you going to take today?