

# God's Providence in God's People

Contra Costa Gospel Church  
Adult Sunday School

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## DAVID (Part 3)

The Davidic Kingdom was finally established after a long and drawn out conflict with King Saul. Saul was the first king, but was a very forgettable one for his lack of respect for the Lord and the Law that governed the people of Israel. After his death the people did not mourn long; in fact, there is no account of mourning by the people in the biblical record at all. The people had moved on and it was time to coronate the new king – a man after God's own heart.

- 1) 2 Samuel 7 begins with this note, “After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him...”
  - a. This expression is one that good biblical readers would do well to recognize because it's made its way into our consciousness before. Read Deuteronomy 12:10 for example (see also Deut. 25:19 and Joshua 23:1 for other examples). Why is it so important that we recognize this as a biblically repeated expression?
  - b. What does it tell us about the spiritual state of Israel that they are experiencing such peace?
  - c. According to the Law, peace in Israel = spiritual health. It is because of their spiritual “right-ness” that the Lord blesses them with peace. Can we say the same thing about peace in the US as it concerns our enemies? Why or why not?
- 2) Read 2 Samuel 7:1-16. This is a biblical passage that every Christian should know well because of its significance for all time.
  - a. What does David desire to do? Why?
  - b. What is the Lord's response to David's intention?
  - c. In 2 Samuel 7:14 the Lord says, “I will be his father, and he will be my son.” What does the Lord mean by this?

- d. The expression, "Son of God" most certainly comes from this passage. In Matthew 16:16, Peter uses this expression and equates it with the title, "Christ." See these other passages for additional examples: Matthew 26:63; Luke 4:41; John 11:27; 20:31. Why do you think "Son of God" in our modern day usage has lost this flavor? What happens to our understanding of Jesus when we forget that "Son of God" means king?
- 3) As it concerns the titles of Jesus, there are several that refer to Him as a son. What do each of these expressions mean?
- a. Son of God
  
  - b. Son of David (Matthew 1:1; 21:9)
  
  - c. Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)
  
  - d. Son of Man (Daniel 7:13; Matthew 9:6; John 3:14-15; Revelation 1:13; 14:14)
- 4) The most famous of the passages that refer to Jesus as a son is John 3:16. Does John's usage of "son" here refer to Jesus as King? Or as the child of God? Why do you think so?