

2 Samuel 7:18-29

How to Receive a Gift

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?"

And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. And your name will be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."

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David Gives Thanks

1. David recognizes his unworthiness (v.18-19)
2. David realizes that everything he has is a gift from God. (v. 21-24)

David Asks God To Do What He Promised

Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'" (Genesis 32:11-12)

...in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (Daniel 9:2-3)

Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. (Psalm 119:49)

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David prays the promise...

1. so that God's name would be magnified.
2. because it is a perfect source of guidance.

What can we learn from David's prayer?

1. Give thanks for having received the promised gift – Jesus.
2. Recognize your unworthiness.
3. Give thanks that everything we have is a gift from God.
4. Continue to pray the promises, especially that Jesus's kingdom would come.

Continue to pray promises like...

Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. (John 16:23-24)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Continue to pray promises like Revelation 22...

Jesus: "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." (v.7)

Jesus: "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done." (v. 12)

Jesus: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." (v. 20)

Our response: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (v.20)