

WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

2 Samuel 7

(Vs.1-2)

When the Lord finally sent peace upon the land, and Israel was no longer at war with the surrounding nations, ²David said to Nathan the prophet, “Look! Here I am living in this beautiful cedar palace while the Ark of God is out in a tent!” 2 Samuel 7:1-2 (TLB)

Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees and carpenters and stonemasons; and they built a house for David. 2 Samuel 5:11

TABERNACLE - TENT OF MEETING- *a sacred tent, a portable and provisional sanctuary, where God met His people (Exodus 33:7-10).*

(v.3)

David’s _____ is right and his _____ are _____

“But the LORD said to my father David, ‘Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.’

1 Kings 8:18

I. Sometimes God says “No” because:

1. God has a _____ (vs.5-7)

“Go and tell David My servant, ‘Thus says the LORD, “You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in; 1 Chronicles 17:4

“However, the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says: ...Acts 7:48-50

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²“Stand in the gate of the LORD’S house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD...Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD. Jeremiah 7:1-7

“But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘You have shed much blood and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me. 1 Chronicles 22:8

Guarding the paths of justice, And He preserves the way of His godly ones. Proverbs 2:8

2. God has a _____ (vs.12-16)

This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours. Isaiah 55:8-9 (TLB)

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. ⁴⁰God had planned something better ... Hebrews 11:39 -40

3. God has a greater _____ (v.16 & 19)

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, ... Isaiah 9:6-7

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; Luke 1:32

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29

II. When God says “No”:

1. My response reveals my _____ (vs.18-29)

2. I trust that everything God does is motivated by _____
All the ways of the LORD are loving Psalm 25:10 (NIV)

3. That God will give me the _____ to _____ it
Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

*No temptation (**trial**) has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted (**tried**) beyond what you are able, but with the temptation (**trial**) will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13*