

Theme: King David fought to bring peace to the land of God's promise, to rest from their enemies – and he succeeded. But it would be the work of his greater Son, Jesus, to bring rest from his greatest enemy – his own sinful heart.

Background: Jesus' family tree? Consider His forefather David.

Introduction:

I. David's Peace

A. Hard-Won

1. Man of war, bloodshed
 - Defeating the Amalekites and Philistines
2. Gracious in Victory
 - 1 Samuel 30:24&25

B. A Godly Desire

- Build a "house" for the Lord
- Sign of security, stability, peace
- David not permitted to build it (1 Chronicles 22:6-10)

C. A Greater Promise

- God would "build" a house that would stand forever
- God's covenant promise – vv.9&10
- With David's greater Son on the throne

II. David's Enemy

A. No real peace

1. No peace at "work"
 - Violent men in the ranks
2. No peace at home
 - Trouble with *wives*
 - Trouble with kids
3. No lasting peace
 - David's posterity/lineage?
 - Israel destroyed – 722 BC
 - Judah falls – 596 BC

B. A deadly enemy

1. His own heart! (Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:19; Psalm 51:5)
2. His Holy God (Romans 5:10)
 - a. Liable to God's wrath (Romans 1)
 - b. All face a day of judgment (Romans 2)
 - c. No one can escape it (Romans 3)
3. Without hope?
 - The conquering king needed a *conquering King* – a Deliverer

III. David's Deliverer

A. Our King of Peace

1. The true King
 - a. Not a kingdom of this world
 - b. A kingdom in heaven!
2. Warrior Who doesn't *shed the blood* of His enemies – but sheds His own blood *for His enemies!*

B. Bringing peace **with** God

1. The Battle is won (Romans 4)

a. Enemies now brought near through the blood of Christ (Colossians 1:20)

b. Through repentance and faith

1) David's *peace with God* (1 Samuel 13:14)

- Through confession (Psalm 51; 32:1-5)

- And faith – looking to the One to come

2) Our peace? (Romans 5)

NOTE: David would bring peace to the land – Jesus would bring peace to the soul!

C. The peace **of** God

1. What it is not – Feeling happy

2. What it is –

a. Knowledge of a new relationship with God (Romans 8:31)

b. Power to acknowledge who truly we are in this flesh

c. Contentment in this broken world

IV. Peace Through David's Lord

- David looked forward – in peace –

to God's promise of a Son Whom he would call "Lord"(Luke 20:42)

- We look back to the promised Lord Who sits now on that throne of His kingdom in heaven – and we look forward to His return which He promised.

- We wait in peace for Christ has brought lasting peace with God – rest from all our enemies!

- We wait with the power of the peace of God at work in us – until He comes again.