

Study 4

Christ of the Kingdom

2 Samuel 6:1-8:14 (6:12-19, 7:1-29)

Christ Promised in 2 Samuel 7

Two aspects to the promise to be fulfilled in David's offspring:

1. The name (9)

- A person's name signified the totality of who they were: character, significance, God-given destiny. (Genesis 12:1-2)
- The promise to Abraham is being worked out through David as his great name gives the nation security in the land.
- To know and use God's name is to know him and to express your relationship to Him. (1 Kings 8:41-43)
- Jesus' kingly role as Messiah provides security for God's people in the Father's name. (John 17:6-12)
- The Father has made Jesus' name great to provide salvation to all who call it (Acts 4:12)
- Entrusting our whole selves to his whole self. (John 14:13-14)

2. The house (11).

- A family that will continue to carry David's name into the future - the name gave them to right to rule.
- 'The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the *son of David*, the *son of Abraham*.' (Matthew 1:1) The promised offspring has come!
- "...I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men" (2 Samuel 7:14)

Christ is patterned

1. David himself

- Jesus has the name not like but above all other names (Ephesians 1:20-21)
- David's limitations and failures were intentional on God's part, to make us look past him to Jesus.

2. The Ark of the Covenant.

- The Cherubim: the only way to the Holy place
- The mercy seat (Romans 3:24-25)
- Tablets of stone - the Law fulfilled by Jesus (Matthew 5:20, 48)
 - Christians are 'Followers of the Way.' (Acts 22:4)

- Aaron's staff: the people always have a priest to serve before the throne of God.
 - '...we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens' (Heb. 4:14)
- Gold urn with manna
 - '...man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Deuteronomy 8:3)
 - Jesus is everything we need not merely for day-to-day life, but for eternal life. (John 6:51)

Christ is present

'The LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.' (8:6,14).

- When Israel fought against their enemies, it wasn't really them doing the fighting (Deuteronomy 20:3-4, Exodus 15:3)

Because of how Jesus is spoken of in the New Testament:

- The victorious conquering king on the battlefield fighting for his bride, the church (Revelation 19:11-16)
- The good Shepherd-King who lays down his life for his sheep (John 10:14-15)

We need to be deliberate, in seeing him in the events recorded in Scripture. And we need to be intentional in recognising and identifying His presence with and among us today by his Spirit: a people so saturated with the Word that seeing Christ in the day-to-day of everyday life will be the norm.