

EMMANUEL

THE KINGDOM OF KEPT PROMISES

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The Promise Kept Luke 1: 67-79

Review: Yahweh's Promises to David in 2 Samuel 7

1. Yahweh will establish the Kingdom from a "seed" of David. (vv. 12-13)
2. Yahweh's permanent presence is united to the "seed's" reign. (v.13)
3. He will have a unique Father/Son relationship with Yahweh. (v.14)
4. Yahweh's "steadfast love" will never leave him. (v.15)
5. Through this royal heir, Yahweh would guarantee David's throne forever. (v.16)

Jesus is the Promised Son of David

Luke 1:67 "And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, **68** "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people **69** and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, **70** as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,"

2 Timothy 2:8 "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring [seed] of David, as preached in my gospel"

The unfolding blessings of God's promise to David

1. Deliverance from our enemies...external and internal

Luke 1:71 "that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;"

Ephesians 2: 14 "For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility"

2. An unhindered relationship with the Father through Christ

Luke 1:72 "to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, **73** the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us **74** that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, **75** in holiness and righteousness before him all our days."

Ephesians 2: 15 "by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace **16** and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility."

3. A release from the burden or past failures and offenses

Luke 1:76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, **77** to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,"

Ephesians 2: 17 "And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. **18** For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."

4. An illuminated, restful path based on God's affectionate concern

Luke 1:78 "because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high **79** to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Ephesians 2:19 "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **22** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

Overflowing joy at God's promise kept in Immanuel, Son of David

Luke 1:68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people **69** and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David..."

Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places"

Reflection Questions

1. Which of the four "unfolding blessings" makes your heart sing?
2. How does God's faithfulness to his 3,000-year-old promise to a Jewish king make you feel toward him? How does his kept promise encourage your trust in his yet-to-be-fulfilled promises?
3. Re-read Eph. 2:19-22. In 2 Samuel 7, David wanted to build a house for God. In Christ, you and I are being joined together by the Spirit into a house for God. Since we have been welcomed into God's household, what are some concrete ways to make God "comfy" in his house?

SONGS

"FOUND IN YOU" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING" - Felix Mendelssohn

"JESUS PAID IT ALL" - Elvina M. Hall

"MAN OF SORROWS" - Matt Crocker

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$44,513.26
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,714,783.87
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,728,328.00