



KINGS & PROPHETS



October 25, 2020. 21st Sunday after Pentecost. Narrative Lectionary week 7 of year 3.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prelude

2 Samuel 7:1-17 (CEB)

Greeting

When the king was settled in his palace, and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "Look! I'm living in a cedar palace, but God's chest is housed in a tent!"

Call to Worship

Psalm 20:1-2, 4-8

One: I pray that the Lord answers you whenever you are in trouble. Let God send help to you from the sanctuary and support you from Zion.

Nathan said to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you are thinking, because the Lord is with you."

All: Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans. Then we will rejoice that you've been helped. We will fly our flags in the name of our God. Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!

But that very night the Lord's word came to Nathan: Go to my servant David and tell him: This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build the temple for me to live in. In fact, I haven't lived in a temple from the day I brought Israel out of Egypt until now. Instead, I have been traveling around in a tent and in a dwelling. Throughout my traveling around with the Israelites, did I ever ask any of Israel's tribal leaders I appointed to shepherd my people: Why haven't you built me a cedar temple?

One: Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one; God answers his anointed one from his heavenly sanctuary, answering with mighty acts of salvation achieved by his strong hand.

So then, say this to my servant David: This is what the Lord of heavenly forces says: I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be leader over my people Israel. I've been with you wherever you've gone, and I've eliminated all your enemies before you. Now I will make your name great—like the name of the greatest people on earth. I'm going to provide a place for my people Israel, and plant them so that they may live there and no longer be disturbed. Cruel people will no longer trouble them, as they had been earlier, when I appointed leaders over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

All: Some people trust in chariots, others in horses; but we praise the Lord's name. They will collapse and fall, but we will stand up straight and strong.

And the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make a dynasty for you. When the time comes for you to die and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your descendant—one of your very own children—to succeed you, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a temple for my name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. Whenever he does wrong, I will discipline him with a human rod, with blows from human beings. But I will never take my faithful love away from him like I took it away from Saul, whom I set aside in favor of you. Your dynasty and your kingdom will be secured forever before me. Your throne will be established forever.

Prayer of Confession

Nathan reported all of these words and this entire vision to David.

God of Abraham and Sarah, you are a God of promises and blessing. Yet we forget your promises and mistake your blessing with our own doing. God of Kings and Prophets, you are a God of covenant and steadfast love. Yet we forget to care for the hungry, poor, alien, orphan, and widow. Forgive our failure to remember your instructions. Write them within us and engrave them on our hearts. Be our God, and we will be your people.

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn #280

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" vs. 1,2,3

Sermon

"God's Promise to David"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Musical Offering

"You Are Holy"

Bob Fornander

Hymn #374

"Standing on the Promises"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94

"Praise God"

Blessing



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

Nov. 1	Elijah and the Widow	1 Kings 17:1-16
Nov 8	Escaping From God	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10
Nov. 15	Call of Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1-8
Nov. 22	Jeremiah's Call For Repentance	Jeremiah 36:1-28, 31:31-34

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 2 Samuel 7:13

Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	2 Samuel 12:1-13	Nathan Condemns David's Sin
Tuesday	1 Kings 1:32-40	Solomon Becomes King
Wednesday	1 Kings 3:3-14	Solomon Prays for Wisdom
Thursday	1 Kings 6:1; 8:14-21	Solomon Builds the Temple
Friday	1 Kings 12:1-15	The Northern Tribes Secede
Saturday	1 Kings 12:16-24	Two Kingdoms

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** David wanted to build a nice house for God to show his love and thanks. What is something you have done today to show someone else love or thanks? How has someone shown you love or thanks?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God brought Elijah to Zarephath to help a widow and her son. Who have you helped today? Who has helped you?