



Scriptural Background: 2 Sam 7

"12 ...I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son..."
2 Sam 7:12b–14a.

Second Samuel 7 is one of the most crucial chapters of the entire Old Testament. In it God makes His covenant with His servant David. David longed to build a house for God's Name. Nevertheless, God says that David will not build a house for God; rather, God will build a house for David (compare the overtones to Peter in John 13:37–38). The promise specifically is of a house, a name, a throne, and a kingdom. Some of this is fulfilled in David's son, Solomon. Ultimately, it is finally realized in "Great David's Greater Son," Jesus Christ. He is the One who brought the dwelling of God among man, established the kingdom of God, and has the Name that is above every name. Jesus is both David's Son and God's Son, fulfilling David's desire and God's promise. To Him alone do we bow; to Him alone do we look for salvation.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, once again we remember that You are the true King. You do for us what we could never have done for ourselves. Help us rely on Your finished work on our behalf and not on our own efforts. Then, fully secure in You, help us live in a manner befitting one who has been brought into Your forever kingdom. Amen.