

Lesson II.

GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

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1 Chronicles 17 : 1-14. Commit to memory vs. 13, 14. Study 1 Chronicles ch. 17. Read 2 Samuel, ch. 7 ; Psalm 89.

GOLDEN TEXT—There hath not failed one word of all his good promise.—1 Kings 8 : 56.

1 Now it came to pass, ² as Da'vid sat in his house, that Da'vid said to Na'than the prophet, I, O, I dwell in an house of ³ cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD ⁴ remaineth under curtains.

2 ⁵ Then Na'than said unto Da'vid, Do all that *is* in thine heart ; for God *is* with thee.

3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Na'than, saying,

4 Go and tell Da'vid my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in : 5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Is'rael unto this day ; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 ⁶ Whersoever I have walked with all Is'rael, spake I a word ⁷ to any of the judges of Is'rael, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of ⁸ cedars ?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant Da'vid, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, ⁸ even from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ⁹ ruler over my people Is'rael :

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou

Revised Version—1 And ; 2 when David dwelt ; 3 cedar ; 4 dwelleth ; 5 And Nathan ; 6 In all places wherein ; 7 with ; 8 Omit even ; 9 prince ; 10 wentest ; 11 I will make ; 12 unto ; 13 ones ; 14 And I will appoint ; 15 that they may dwell ; 16 own ; 17 Omit shall ; 18 first ; 19 as from the day ; 20 And I ; 21 Moreover ; 22 fulfilled ; 23 set ; 24 establish ; 25 ever.

LESSON PLAN

- I. David's Desire, 1, 2.
- II. God's Delay, 3-10.
- III. God's Promise, 11-14.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—God's promise to David, 1 Chron. 17 : 1-15. T.—God's promise to David, 1 Chron. 17 : 16-27. W.—The promise remembered, 1 Chron. 28 : 1-10. Th.—Fulfillment, 2 Chron. 6 : 1-15. F.—God's faithfulness, Ps. 89 : 1-18. S.—Ever mindful, Ps. 111. S.—For ever and ever, Heb. 1.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 102. *What do we pray for in the second petition ?* A. In the second petition (which is, *Thy kingdom come*) we pray, That Satan's

¹⁰ hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and ¹¹ have made thee a name like ¹² the name of the great ¹³ men that *are* in the earth.

9 ¹⁴ Also I will ordain a place for my people Is'rael, and will plant them, ¹⁵ and they shall dwell in their ¹⁶ place, and ¹⁷ shall be moved no more ; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the ¹⁸ beginning.

10 And ¹⁹ since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Is'rael. ²⁰ Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. ²¹ Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.

11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be ²² expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will ²³ raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons ; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will ²⁴ establish his throne for ever.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son ; and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee :

14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever : and his throne shall be established for ²⁵ evermore.

kingdom may be destroyed ; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it ; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

The Question on Missions—2. What mission schools does the New Hebrides child attend ? The early morning class of one hour, where men, women and children, are taught to read the Bible in their own language, and to sing hymns. At most stations, children are now taught reading, writing, arithmetic, and English daily for a couple of hours.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 320 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 427 ; 187 ; 104 (Ps. Sel.) ; 541 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 238.

Special Scripture Reading—Psalm 72. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—About B.C. 980 (Ussher, B.C. 1042) ; Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—When David had the ark with him in the citadel in Jerusalem, and it had brought him prosperity and peace, he would naturally plan to give it an appropriate dwelling place.

I. David's Desire, 1, 2.

Vs. 1, 2. *David sat in his house.* David had built himself a palace in Jerusalem. This is what the Assyrian kings were always doing : after extensive wars they always built palaces and temples. David's palace was built out of materials and by workmen furnished him by Hiram, the king of Tyre, 2 Sam. 5 : 11, 12. *Said to Nathan the prophet ;* the court prophet. He became one of the leading men of the time of David. *House of cedars.* See Light from the East. *The ark . . . under cur-*

tains ; the breadths of goats' hair cloth of which the tent was made (see Ex. 26 : 7 and compare on v. 5). *Do all . . . in thine heart.* Nathan understood the king's desire to build a house for the ark, and naturally approved of it. But there was a difference between the prophet's own thoughts and a divine revelation. *God is with thee.* Because David had been under God's guidance hitherto, Nathan concluded that he was being divinely led in this matter also.

II. God's Delay, 3-10.

Vs. 3. *The same night.* Nathan was to learn that he had spoken hastily. He had mistaken his own impulse for the divine will. *The word of God came.* What he had said to David lingered with Nathan, and he had a dream, in which God stood by him and revoked the word he had spoken to the king.