

Introduction: The Messianic Psalms (2)

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The Messianic Psalms reveal the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, providing a rich source of wisdom, revelation, and insight into God's character and plans.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker focuses on the revelation of Christ in the life of David. The sermon begins with a prayer, asking God to illuminate the understanding of the listeners and to reveal Himself through His word. The speaker emphasizes the importance of having a personal relationship with God in order to receive true revelation and understanding. The sermon then turns to 2 Samuel chapter 7, where a seed is planted in David's heart, leading him to see the Christ. The speaker highlights the significance of David's role as the author of the Psalms and how these Psalms reveal aspects of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

Transcript

...voice and be glad in it. Hello again everyone, this is Chip Brogden coming to you with another edition of our weekly webcast. We are streaming online at www.watchman.net and we are doing a series of messages through the book of Psalms, specifically concentrating our study on the Messianic Psalms, those Psalms that reveal to us something of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

So, praise the Lord, I am excited about this study. We have quite a bit of material to work through. The Psalms are just a rich, rich storehouse of wisdom and revelation and insight into the King and His Kingdom.

And so I am really looking forward to getting into this with you. Again, last week we began kind of an introduction to the book of Psalms and we talked about some preliminary things, some preliminary scriptures where the Psalms are mentioned. You know, Jesus said that all the things that are written concerning Him in the Law and the Prophets and the Psalms must come to pass.

And so that gives us a good foundation and reason and purpose for wanting to read and study the book of Psalms because we hope to see something of the Lord Jesus in these Psalms. And I have just gone through the outline that I have made for the next several weeks as we identify these particular Psalms that

refer to or mention or foreshadow Christ and His Kingdom. And I must tell you I am getting excited just looking at this list of material or the list of Psalms and the material that we'll be sharing with you.

It's a very, very exciting, very uplifting, very encouraging series of messages here. And that's what Psalms really do for you. They really encourage you, give you strength and hope, and especially if you can look in the Psalms and you can see all of this great revelation of Christ and His Kingdom.

You begin to see Jesus in these Psalms and you're going to see them in a different light. You'll see them in a different way perhaps than what you've ever imagined or ever observed before. So I'm looking forward to the study.

Let's go ahead and grab our Bibles. And I want to begin, once again, not where you would expect. I'm not going to ask you right now to turn to the book of Psalms, but I'll ask you instead to turn to the book of 2 Samuel.

I want us to begin in 2 Samuel 7 because I want to, again, laying a foundation here, I want to talk more about the author of these Psalms. The author being David. David, as you know, was King of Israel.

David, a man after God's own heart. And he wrote most of these Psalms. So I thought it would be good for us to go and look at an incident, a time in the life of David when this revelation of Christ really took hold of him.

So we're going to begin our study there in 2 Samuel 7. And let's go to the Lord right now in prayer and ask Him to bless this time that we have together. Father, I thank you again for the opportunity to come together to look into your Word and to see the things that you have for us. To see, to know, to learn, to hear what the Spirit wants to teach us.

I thank you, Lord, for the opportunity that we have to do this online. And I thank you for all the people that are listening around the world. I thank you for your Word.

It's life to us. It is light to us. Lord, just illuminate, open our eyes, open our understanding to see and to know you, to see Christ in these pages so that they would not just be letters in a book, but they would be Spirit and truth, Spirit and life to us, Lord.

And I thank you for it. And I pray, Lord, that you would bless this time that we have together so that we can grow spiritually and mature, growing up into the full knowledge of Christ, growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. And I thank you for it.

And I praise you for it. In Jesus' name, amen. Praise the Lord.

2 Samuel chapter 7. And let's begin reading here in verse... Well, see, it's all good. I always have a hard time deciding where we should begin to read because I'm tempted to read the whole thing. But let me give you some background and then we'll jump in here.

King David, as you know, the Bible says he was a man after God's own heart. And one day he got the idea that he wanted to build a temple or a house for the Lord. He wanted to honor God by taking the Ark of the Covenant and putting it into a permanent building.

And at that time, the Ark of God was kept in a tent. It was still kept in the tabernacle. And David wanted to do something to honor the Lord.

So he went and told Nathan what was on his heart. And Nathan said, Go do all that's in your heart. The Lord is with you.

But as it turned out, Nathan was a little bit ahead of himself. Even prophets can mess up sometimes. And God spoke to him later on that night and said, Wait a minute.

Go tell David that I don't want him to build me a house. That he's not the one to do it. But see, that is the background for what's about to happen here.

Nathan goes back to David. And why don't we begin reading here. Let's just jump in in verse 4 of 2 Samuel 7, verse 4. But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus says the Lord, Would you build a house for me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.

Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, Why have you not built me a house of cedar? Now therefore, thus shall you say to my servant David, Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel.

I will plant them that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more. Nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them any more as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused you to wrest from all your enemies. Now verse 11, the last half of that verse is where we are.

Also the Lord tells you that he will make you a house. Now friends, that right there, I just can't get out of my mouth how significant that is. I will make you a house.

I will build you a house. So again, let's set up this circumstance. David says, I want to build the Lord a house.

And the Lord answers and says, I'm going to build you a house. I mean, I just, I cannot get out of my mouth the significance of that. We're going to continue reading here, verse 12.

He says, I'm going to make you a house. The Lord says, when your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. Hallelujah.

Verse 13, He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.

But my mercy shall not depart from him as I took from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.

According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. Now, friends, can you begin to get an inkling here of the significance of this passage? David says, I want to build a house for God. God responds by saying, I'm going to build you a house.

Now, just look at all the things that he says. I'm going to make you a house. He says, I'm going to set up your seat after you.

He will come from your body. I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Well, what you need to understand, folks, is this is a prophetic passage of Scripture. And often the prophetic or virtually in every instance, prophetic passages have a double interpretation, at least more than one interpretation, and sometimes several interpretations. It's not one or the other.

It is all. Okay? So here there is at least two ways that this should be and can be applied. In the first place, it is referring to the issue at the moment, which is David and then his son Solomon.

So to begin with, God says, I'm going to set up a seat after you who will come from your body. I will establish his kingdom, and he will build me a house for my name. Now, we all know that Solomon in some way fulfilled that prophecy.

If you're just going to apply that to Solomon, you could say, well, yeah, Solomon came after David. Solomon built the temple, and so that is fulfilled. But I want us to see here that it's, friends, it goes way beyond Solomon.

We are talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. When the days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seat after you who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. Whose kingdom? The kingdom of Christ, the kingdom of God.

Jesus is the son of David. You can trace that out through Matthew and trace it out through Luke there with the genealogy. Look at verse 13 of 2 Samuel 7. He shall build a house for my name.

Now, think about it, folks. What did Jesus say? He says, I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. Now, does that not exactly coincide here with verse 13? He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Now, see, here's one way you know it's not just talking about Solomon, that there is a deeper and a much broader and wider application here than just to earthly Israel and earthly King Solomon. Folks, Solomon's throne was not established forever. In fact, David's throne, naturally speaking, is not in existence today.

Israel is the king's. Not only are they not around, David's throne is not established. King Solomon's throne is not established.

The kingdom was divided. Not long after Solomon left the throne, the nation of Israel was taken away to Babylon, and they really, after from AD 70, the nation of Israel has not had a king, and the kings that they had during the time of Jesus were more figureheads than anything else. So when God says He's going to build a house for my name, I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever, I don't think you can apply that to Solomon.

So who is the only king that you can apply that to? It is the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord. Verse 14, I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

And now we're talking about Solomon again. If he commits iniquity, I will chase him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. And you know that's exactly what happened with Solomon.

He started out pretty well, but he ended up kind of falling by the wayside there. But my mercy, verse 15, my mercy shall not depart from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And Solomon's kingdom was peaceful for the most part.

Verse 16, and your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever. Now again, folks, that cannot be said to be true if you're only going to look at it in terms of earthly Israel.

The way God's purpose and his promise is fulfilled to David is by setting the Lord Jesus on that throne and in that kingdom that will be established forever. But here's my point. This is the place and the time and the moment where David received that great messianic revelation of Christ.

David, a man after God's own heart, and all of these centuries before it happened, he saw that God would send the Christ, the Messiah, to rule and to reign and to establish his throne and his kingdom forever and ever. Folks, that is one of the benefits of being a man after God's own heart. God does not give His revelation out just to anyone.

He reveals His secrets. He reveals His truths. He reveals Himself to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

They will be filled. To people who seek Him, who seek Him early, who seek Him often, who want to know Him, who want to have a relationship with Him, He reveals Himself to His friends. Friendship with God.

To His disciples, it says that I don't call you servants, but I call you friends and I freely share with you everything that the Father has given me. You know, Jesus spoke in parables to the crowd, but it says that privately He explained everything to His disciples. And I see a problem in churchianity today.

I see people trying to get fleshly knowledge of God. They try to get fleshly words and fleshly revelation, but there's no corresponding spirit and truth walk. There's no revelation because there is no relationship.

We have to have a relationship with the Lord directly, for ourself. And if we will have that, if we will be men and women after God's own heart, God will reveal Himself to us. God will reveal Christ in us and Christ to us.

And this here in 2 Samuel 7 is God's revelation. A seed here is planted in David where David finally sees the Christ. Now, did he think Solomon? This was all talking about Solomon? Possibly in the very beginning.

Perhaps he interpreted it. Just like when we first hear something, we are apt to interpret it based upon our circumstances, our perspective, the situation that we are in. However, I believe that as time went on, that David, as this revelation of Christ began to grow and expand on the inside of him, I believe that David really understood that yes, Solomon is included here to a certain extent, but there was something much deeper at work here.

It is not just a prophecy concerning David and his throne, but it is a prophecy saying that the Christ, the Son of the living God, the King of the universe, is going to come from His heritage as a son of David according to the flesh, but a son of God and the Son of God according to the Spirit. And that is how the kingdom will be established. He will build a house for my name.

And that's exactly what Jesus is doing. He is building a house. It's not a house of cedar.

It's not a temple. It is a house of living stones. And it says that we are the temple of the Holy Ghost.

That is powerful, folks. That is so enormous and so full of... I don't have the words to express it. Awesome is just not a strong enough word.

Turn over to Hebrews 3. Let's go over there real quickly because I want to show you something about this house, this house that Jesus is building, the house that God said, I will build for you. He will build it for me. It is the house of living stones that Jesus is building.

I'm going to build my church, Jesus says, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. And I think everyone in the New Testament understood that the house of God was not a church building with a steeple on top. Stephen, before he was martyred, said that the Most High does not live in temples made with hands.

Well, where does the Most High God live? Paul says, don't you know? You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are the temple of God and Christ dwells in you. Now look at Hebrews 3. This all relates to our study of Psalms.

I'm just giving you some foundation here to go on. Look at Hebrews 3 in verse 1. It is all I can do to stay out of Hebrews. Eventually, we're going to do a study of Hebrews, but I've got to jump over here and illustrate this.

Hebrews 3, 1, Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to him who appointed him, as Moses also was faithful in all his house. We just concluded a study on Galatians. We talked about Moses and the law of Moses and how that law and that Torah, that old covenant served a purpose for the season in which God created it.

But I want you to see here that there is another house. There's a new covenant. It has a new head and you can choose to live under the house of Moses or you can choose to live in the house of Christ.

Now, the difference between the two, they complement one another, but the difference between them is night and day. Verse 2, Who was faithful to him who appointed him, as Moses also was faithful in all his house. Verse 3, For this one had been counted worthy, talking about Jesus, this one had been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.

Get that, folks. Worthy of more glory than Moses. See? That glory in the Old Testament is pretty awesome.

Pretty amazing. But compared to the glory of God that is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ, the high priest of our new covenant, it pales in comparison. Hallelujah.

Because that was a shadow and a type of something to come. But now we have the substance. Now we have the reality.

Now we have the light shining out of the darkness. For this one has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses. Praise the Lord.

Inasmuch as he who built the house has more honor than the house. Verse 4, For every house is built by someone, but he who built all things is God. Verse 5, And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward.

Verse 6, And here's what I want you to see. But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are. Hallelujah.

See? I'm getting excited, folks. I just can't help myself. Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Praise God. So, see? Go back to 2 Samuel chapter 7. God says, You want to build me a house, but let me tell you something, David. I'm going to build you a house and it's going to last forever.

Then along comes Jesus and He says, I'm going to build my church. The gates of hell will not prevail against it. That means it's going to last forever.

And then Hebrews 3, it says that Jesus as a Son over His own house, whose house we are. See, folks? It's not a temple. It's not something that we can build for God.

It's something that God is building for us and for His Son. I will build my church. It's a house of living stones and we are the temple of the Holy Ghost.

Praise the Lord. Okay. So, why did I go through all of that? Because I want to establish that David knew that the Christ, the Son of the living God, would come.

And the perspective that he had is seen in these Psalms that he wrote. He had a revelation from God of the Lord Jesus Christ coming as the Messiah. And so, because that is true, all of these Psalms that we're going to look at, you can look at each one of these Psalms.

They're not in order. We're going to be jumping around in the Psalms to pull out these nuggets of truth and put them in order so that we can see everything concerning the Lord Jesus you can see in these Psalms. Remember Jesus said that the things written in the Psalms concerning me must come to pass? Well, I'm not going to tell you where they all are, but we're going to go through each one of them and you'll see for yourself the word becoming flesh, becoming flesh and blood and coming to live on this earth, the crucifixion of Jesus, the death of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, the ascension of Jesus, the being seated on the throne and ruling and reigning in His kingdom.

It's all there in the Psalms. In fact, folks, there is a particular Psalm that actually references the return of Christ. It sounds like it came right out of the New Testament and you're going to be amazed.

I don't know that I've heard anyone actually teach on this, but it is right there. All you've got to do is know where to look and you read it and you think, my goodness, it's like you're seeing the rapture or the second coming, however you want to call it. It's right there in the book of Psalms.

You don't have to wonder about it. It is all right there. All of these things concerning me, Jesus says, written in the Psalms, must come to pass.

I just want you to know it's exciting. I can't even speak. There is some exciting truths contained in this book of Psalms, folks, and we're going to see Jesus in these Psalms.

Go over to Psalms 110 real quickly. Psalm 110. We've only got a few minutes left.

We'll have to take up here again next week in the book of Psalms and continue on, but very quickly, again, David has this revelation of someone sitting on the throne, that this throne is going to last forever, this kingdom is going to be established forever, and lest anyone think that David just interpreted this to mean that his natural son Solomon and his natural kingdom of Israel is what God had in mind here. Again, possibly he thought that in the beginning, just like we take something God tells us, we have our own interpretation of it, but without a doubt, David, it says in Acts, was a prophet, and we see that revelation increasing. We see this revelation in the Psalms as David begins to interpret this revelation, not in the context of King Solomon, but in the context of King Jesus.

Now, look at Psalms 110, verse 1. Here's a very clear example. The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion, rule in the midst of your enemies.

Now, that's not just a verse of Scripture. That is a prophetic passage, and it is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ sitting on His throne, sitting at the right hand of God. The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Now, you say, well, I don't know if that's really talking about Jesus or not. Well, then let's just turn over to Matthew chapter 22. Matthew chapter 22.

You don't have to take my word for it. See, Scripture interprets Scripture, and that's why a real easy thing for you to do is just read through the New Testament, jot down all the references to the Old Testament, and you can see all of these prophecies. It doesn't take a real genius to find this.

You approach the Word with a prayerful, open heart. You read through the New Testament. When you see that it's quoting something in the Old Testament and it's applying it to the Lord Jesus, well, there you go.

You've got a picture, an interpretation, and there's no room for doubt. But look at this. Matthew chapter 22.

We'll let Jesus interpret Psalms 110 for us, okay? Matthew chapter 22, verse 41. I love this. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he? They said to him, The son of David.

See, the Jews, they could only interpret this to mean that one day somebody like David is going to become the king of Israel. Israel is going to be the head again. All the nations of this world will be submitted to Israel, and we're going to go back to the glory days of when King David was in charge.

That's the only way they could interpret that. They had no idea of the significance, of the spiritual significance of this passage, that God is not talking about establishing another earthly Israel, but a heavenly Israel. He's not talking about building a new temple.

out of earthly materials, but a house of living stones. So Jesus says to them, in verse 43, How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, and he quotes Psalms 110, the passage we just read, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool. Verse 45, If David then calls him Lord, how can he be his son? See? Because David's not going to call his son Lord.

Who is David looking at? He's looking at the Lord Jesus. Praise God. And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question him anymore.

Praise the Lord. We're going to have to stop it right there and pick up again here next week. This is Chip Brogdon streaming online at www.watchman.net Thank you for listening.

I'm looking forward to continuing our study in the book of Psalms, and I hope to see you next week. God bless you.

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