

I. Contrast Saul and David

- A. Saul's success led him to self absorption
- B. David's success led him to the building of the kingdom of God

II. A Man After God's Heart Desires Others to Enter Into His Blessing

- A. When the kingdom is firmly his, he begins working to create a center of worship
- B. Begins with the capture of Jerusalem
- C. Ark is moved to Jerusalem
 - 1. David's desire is good
 - 2. David's method is wrong, because God must be treated as holy

III. David and the Temple

- A. David has a desire to build a temple
 - 1. Purpose is to promote proper worship
 - 2. Nathan the prophet agrees
- B. God's word to David
 - 1. I did not ask for this
 - 2. You are not to do this
- C. David's response
 - 1. Acceptance of God's plan
 - 2. Prayer that God will fulfill all that He has promised
 - 3. Determination to do all that he can to prepare

Assignment:

Sin has consequences. Read through 2 Samuel 11-24.

- *How do you see the consequences of David's sin working out?*
- *What is the key difference between David and Saul when confronted with personal sin?*
- *How is the grace of God to David manifested in the story?*

IV. Covenant with David

- 2 Samuel 7:8-17

A. Reminder of God's grace to David

1. I took you from caring for the sheep
2. I have been with you
3. I will make your name great

B. Reminder of God's purpose for Israel

1. I will establish my people

C. God's plan for David

- *I will establish your house*

1. I will establish your son
 - a. He will build a temple
2. I will establish your family line
 - a. I will chasten your descendants if they step away from Me
 - b. I will never remove my faithful love from them
3. Your throne will be established forever

D. This is the third covenant which must be understood to follow the development of the prophetic message

V. David and the Psalms

A. David did not build the Temple he desired

B. David's desire to lead the people of God in praise has been fulfilled in the Psalms