

Life-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel Summaries – Messages 21 - 30

MESSAGE 21–23 – The History Concerning David

According to 2 Samuel 5 David gained the heart of the people and was crowned by all the other tribes in Hebron. David was established by God as king with his kingdom exalted **for the sake of God's people Israel**. From this we need to learn that **if we do anything for ourselves, God will not exalt us**, but if we live our lives **for God's kingdom and people, God will exalt us for His people's sake**. Our God is sovereign; it may seem that He is silent and that He is hiding Himself, but He is everywhere and with everyone. Without anyone seeing or knowing, **God takes care of everything according to His will to accomplish His economy**. Everything concerning David was arranged under God's sovereign direction to accomplish one thing: the building up of His kingdom in His elect through the proper person. At that time the proper person was David, but today it should be the people in the Lord's recovery.

Whereas David was living in a house of Cedar by chapter six, the arc which represented God still did not have a home. The matter of God's dwelling place on earth is worthy of much consideration on our part. We need to realize that **whatever God does for us** and whatever He gives to us should be altogether for our concern for the **building up of God's dwelling place on earth**. David released his consideration to Nathan the prophet, who encouraged him to go and do what was in his heart, telling David that Jehovah was with him.

David was prosperous because he had the presence of God. This is a lesson for us today. Whenever we prepare ourselves to speak God's word, we must be assured that we have the presence of God. If we do not have this assurance, we need to **pray until we have the deep sense of God's presence with us**. In His response to David's desire to build God a house, God in a sense came in to stop David by indicating that before David could do something for God, he needed God to do something for him. Whenever we would think to do something for God, God within us would tell us that we are short of something. **Our shortage is Christ**.

MESSAGE 24 – Our Need

We need to realize that although apparently, we are the ones who are building the church, **it is actually God who is the One who is building the church with Christ as the unique element**. Hence, we need Christ not merely in name and in knowledge; we need the real Christ, Christ as the Spirit in resurrection. We all need more and more of Christ. We need God to build up Christ into our intrinsic constitution so that our entire being will be reconstituted with Christ. As a result, we are not only **changed**, but we are **transformed** from one kind of person into another.

The church is built with the Triune God: with the Father as the source, with the Son as the element, and with the Spirit as the essence. It is **not adequate** simply to present to others some knowledge concerning God's economy and other divine, spiritual, and heavenly things. We need to **dispense** the Triune God into others. 2 Samuel 7 is a chapter on the Triune God working Himself into us to make us His home (Christ with the church) and to produce a seed (the all-inclusive Christ). This Christ is both God's house and our house. Hence, we and God have a mutual abode. Christ abides in us, and we abide in Him.

MESSAGE 25–29 – The Seed of David

Second Samuel 7:12 refers to the seed of David. Eventually, this human seed becomes the Son of God. How could Christ be the seed of a man and also the Son of God? How could He be the son of David and also David's Lord? Christ is God; thus, He can be the source, the Root, of David. This refers to His divinity. At the same time, He is also a man; hence He is the Offspring, the

issue, of David. This refers to His humanity. David came out of Him as the Root, and as the Offspring He came out of David. [Today Christ as the seed of David has become all in all to us.](#)

MESSAGE 30 – The Unique Work of the Processed Triune God

The words recovery and economy refer to one thing as seen from two viewpoints. With God, it is a matter of economy; with us, it is a matter of recovery. God's economy was unveiled through the apostles, but because the believers lost the proper understanding of God's economy, there is the need for it to be recovered. Therefore, what is being recovered today is God's economy. [God's unique work](#) in the universe and throughout all the ages and generations is to [work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them.](#) This involves the mingling of divinity with humanity.

Since God's building Himself in Christ into us depends not only on Himself as the element but also on the nutrients supplied by us, we need to be strengthened into our inner man. On the one hand, God strengthens us with Himself as the element and, on the other hand, we afford the nutrients. Through these two God in Christ carries out His intrinsic building—the building of His home—in our entire being. (Life-Study of 1 and 2 Samuel, Messages 21-30)