

## Praying Through 2 Samuel 7:1-17

### International Bible Lesson

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LORD God, we thank You for King David's faithfulness to You, that You inspired in him by Your grace. We thank You for granting him peace and giving him rest from all his enemies. We praise You because Your Spirit inspired King David to listen to the prophet Nathan rather than doing what he wanted without consulting godly advice. We also thank You that the prophet Nathan knew King David so well that he quickly agreed with King David's plans knowing that the LORD was with him. May we live as close to You.

LORD God, bring faithful and godly advisors to us whenever we have need of them, and as Nathan listened to You and corrected his advice to King David, may we and our advisors also listen supremely to You as You have spoken to us in the Bible, and may we be willing to always line up our lives with Your will. We thank You for Your faithfulness to us and for the faith we have in You because of Your grace and indwelling presence with us. Help us obey You in all things that Your plans might be fulfilled, even when that means the good plans we have will need to be completed by others of Your choice, even as King David learned he would not be allowed to build the Temple in Jerusalem.

LORD God, You humbled yourself to live in a tent in order to move about with Your people. Today, we glorify Your Son for humbling himself and coming into our world in human flesh, even as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the Spirit of Jesus Christ indwells and leads us, help us do whatever will help others come to know Him too. Help all those who share true faith in Jesus Christ set their lives apart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit so wherever they go others will have a reason to praise Your Holy Name.

LORD God, You fulfilled Your precious promises to David when King Solomon, King David's son, built the Temple in Jerusalem and when Jesus Christ came and guaranteed David's throne would be established forever as You promised. Help us now to live as Your good and faithful servants in the Kingdom of God that Jesus brought into the world. We look forward to His return as King of kings, and we pray in His Name. Amen.

**Please Note:** I first learned about "Praying Through the Bible" from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *International Bible Lessons* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own "Prayer Through the Bible" using the *International Bible Lesson* scripture text and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [How God Teaches Us to Pray](#): Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer, Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.