Lecture 13 – The Covenant with David

“How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you....” II Samuel 7:22

Key Terms
Revelation, covenant

Objective
To understand and evaluate how the covenant was established and worked out through David’s life and reign

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I. Introductory Comments
   A. Mosaic epoch: covenant renewals
   B. Revelation in David’s time: Old Testament high point
      1. Prophetic involvement
      2. David the recipient
      3. David’s prophetic responses
         a. In prayer (2 Samuel 7)
   4. No new revelation after David regarding covenant and kingdom, only explication and application

II. David the King
   A. Anointed
      1. Personally (1 Samuel 16:13)
      2. Over Judah (2 Samuel 2:4)
      3. Over all Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-5)
         a. Jerusalem established as royal city (2 Samuel 5:6-12)
         b. Ark brought into city: Emmanuel (2 Samuel 6:1-16)
   B. Military victories
      1. Philistines (2 Samuel 5:17-25)
      2. Moabites (2 Samuel 8:2)
      3. Syrians (2 Samuel 8:3-12)
      4. Edom (2 Samuel 8:13)
      5. Ammonites (2 Samuel 10:1-19)
   C. David the reigning king
      1. Peace and rest (2 Samuel 8:14)
      2. Just and righteous ruler (2 Samuel 8:15)
      3. Extensive kingdom: from south to north, sea to desert

III. The Covenant with David
   A. In context of building plans
      1. David uneasy (2 Samuel 7:2)
      2. Nathan’s role: highlights prophetic guardian role (2 Samuel 7:3-7)
   B. Constituent elements
      1. Yahweh’s role, historical resume (2 Samuel 8-9a)
      2. Promises
         a. Great name (2 Samuel 7:9b)
         b. Place (2 Samuel 7:10)
         c. Victory and rest (2 Samuel 7:11a)

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d. Dynasty or seed (2 Samuel 7:11b, 12a)
e. Kingdom, throne (2 Samuel 7:13)
f. Emmanuel (2 Samuel 7:14a)

3. Curse and blessing
   a. Punishment (2 Samuel 7:14b)
   b. Love (2 Samuel 7:15)

4. Continuity
   a. Dynasty (2 Samuel 7:16a)
   b. Kingdom (2 Samuel 7:16b)

5. Response – oath
   a. Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18)
   b. With blessing, yes (2 Samuel 7:27-29)
   c. David as King

C. A sinner (2 Samuel 11, 12)

D. A troubled father
   1. Amnon (2 Samuel 13:1-21)
   3. Recall his family
      a. 1 Samuel 25:42-44; 2 Samuel 3:2-5; 5:13
      b. Wives

E. A conscience-stricken man (2 Samuel 24:10)
F. A singing prophet (2 Samuel 23, Psalms)
G. The royal mediator
   1. Ancestor
   2. Type