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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

The Covenant with David

- 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)
 - b. In Psalms (2 Samuel 3:1-6; Isaiah 89:1-4)
 - 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)
 - 2. Absalom (2 Samuel 13:22-19:8)
 - 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