

Theme: God fulfilled His promise to David that his son would follow him as king and build God's house, first in Solomon and ultimately in Jesus.

I. Intro - A Happy Ending of Fulfillment

- A. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson friendship
- B. Strained to breaking by slavery; French revolution; 1800 election
- C. Reunited in later years; friendship restored; both died on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence!
- D. We like seeing stories that end well, with desires granted, friendships restored
- E. This is how Chronicles tells the end of David's life
- F. The covenant is fulfilled! Solomon will succeed David, build the Temple

II. God's Covenant With David

- A. David's desire to build God's house
King David rose to his feet and said: "Listen to me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it. ³ But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.' 1 Chronicles 28:2–3
 - 1. David wanted to build a house for God
 - 2. God said no - you are not the one to build it
 - 3. Sometimes we want to do something that is good and that God wants to be done, but the call is not for us, but rather for someone else!

- B. God chose Solomon to be king and build the house
Of all my sons — and the Lord has given me many — he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. ⁶ He said to me: 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 1 Chronicles 28:5–6
 - 1. Solomon was to be king and build God's House
 - 2. God chooses Solomon to be king and build Temple (5,6,10)
 - 3. This is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17)
 - 4. Not just any of David's many sons - Solomon is chosen by God to do this work.
 - 5. Solomon's position as king and work in building the Temple is not due to his own merit or wisdom, but to God's gracious calling on his life.
 - 6. This calling includes becoming the son of God - which is actually the highest calling!
 - 7. Everything we do for God is rooted in God's prior calling to make us His sons and daughters!
- C. Be strong & courageous: Moses/David, Joshua/Solomon
Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. **Be strong and do the work.**"
²⁰ David also said to Solomon his son, "**Be strong and courageous, and do the work.** Do not be afraid or discouraged, for **the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you** until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished. 1 Chronicles 28:10, 20

1. Three ideas: be strong and courageous; do the work; Yahweh will be with you
2. These are the same three ideas spoken to Joshua!
No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. **As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.** ⁶“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ **Be strong and very courageous.**
Joshua 1:5–7
3. The Moses/David and Joshua/Solomon parallels

Moses/David	Joshua/Solomon
Great leader by which all others are judged	Inherit leadership from the great leader
Do not get to complete the desired work	Called by God to complete the desired work
Covenant founder	Covenant inheritor

4. As Joshua was called to complete the work Moses left unfinished, so Solomon is called, equipped, and commanded to fulfill the Davidic covenant and build the Temple.

D. God’s call and covenant is a firm foundation for life
David also said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished. ¹ Chronicles 28:20

1. David sees that God’s covenant word is coming true

2. Solomon knows he is in his role as King and Temple builder, not by chance, but by God’s choice and covenant.
3. God’s covenant promises and Presence are the anchor that holds through the storms which blow into every life.

III. God’s Covenant, Our Obedience

A. By God’s covenant, Solomon was established as King
So Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him... ²⁵ The Lord highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal splendor such as no king over Israel ever had before. ¹ Chronicles 29:23, 25

1. In fulfillment of the covenant, Solomon became King
2. Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord and was highly exalted with royal splendor
3. Solomon is a type of the Lord Jesus, the true inheritor of the Davidic Covenant, who sits on God’s throne, exalted and full of splendor!
4. But as we will see - Jesus is far greater than Solomon!

B. God promised to establish Solomon but he must obey
I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.’ ¹ Chronicles 28:7

1. God will fulfill the Davidic covenant through Solomon
2. This is the sure foundation that can give Solomon comfort and strength

3. But Solomon must obey God's commands

4. This is again the same pattern as Joshua

So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever. 1 Chronicles 28:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8

- a. Both Solomon and Joshua have been given God's gracious covenant promises and His call
- b. Both Solomon and Joshua were called to obey God's Word because God's covenant promises are never a cause for presumption but rather faith-filled obedience.

5. We are commanded to obey God's Word because God's covenant promises and His call are never a cause for presumption but rather faith-filled obedience.

C. Solomon wavered in obedience, but Jesus never did!

When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and

your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:12-16

1. Solomon obviously ultimately failed! His heart and his obedience were partial and divided, and this led the people to the same response. As a result, Israel was divided, and ultimately the people went into exile.
2. But thankfully God's covenant stood, and the Son of David, the new Joshua, our Lord Jesus came. He never wavered in His devotion or obedience.
3. And in fulfilling the Mosaic and Davidic covenants, He establishes a new covenant which is far superior. In this covenant, we are not only given the commands, but the means to walk in them.
4. We have been regenerated, given a new heart, and filled with the Holy Spirit Who empowers us to obey God's Word and fully inherit all of God's covenant promises.
5. Our Conqueror leads us into the Land of all God's Promises and grants us rest from works righteousness. This is our greater Joshua, the Lord Jesus.
6. Our King Who sits on the Throne in Royal splendor is perfect, ruling His kingdom in righteousness, and leading us to faith-filled obedience. This is our greater Solomon, the Lord Jesus.

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do I see that God is faithful to His covenant promises?
1. God's gave gracious covenant promises to David
 2. David made a huge mess of things!
 3. But God's covenant stood because it was not based on David's faithfulness but God's!
 4. At times it looked like it would not come to pass, but it did - Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord! The dynasty was secured!
 5. Solomon himself would waiver and fail even worse than David but the covenant stood because it was not based on Solomon's faithfulness, but God's!
 6. Jesus has come to secure every covenant promise for us, guaranteeing that God's good purposes will stand in our lives - and even after death!
 7. Do circumstances tempt you to think that God's good promises to you have failed?
 8. Which covenant promise is the Spirit calling you to grasp by faith today?
 - a. Forgiveness of sins, removal of guilt?
 - b. God's good plans for you and your family?
 - c. God's plans to restore even after sin has brought destruction?
 - d. God's promises to prosper you, give you hope and a future?

B. God's Covenant Table

1. God's covenant promises for us are secure because Jesus lived in full faith and obedience, died in our place, and was raised for our justification!
2. This Table is God's pledge to fulfill every covenant promise to us - forgiveness of sin, full inheritance as His child
3. Come and receive all of God's covenant promises for you!

The Dynasty Secured

1 Chronicles 28-29 (1 Chronicles 29:22-25)

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Communion

Hebrews 13:20-21

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May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

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²² They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the LORD that day. Then they acknowledged Solomon son of David as king a second time, anointing him before the LORD to be ruler and Zadok to be priest. ²³ So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴ All the officers and mighty men, as well as all of King David’s sons, pledged their submission to King Solomon. ²⁵ The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal splendor such as no king over Israel ever had before. 1 Chronicles 29:22–25