

Going Deeper Questions

God Promises

2 Samuel 7:8-16

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1. Have you ever purchased something that you heard about from an advertisement that just didn't deliver on its promise? Have you ever experienced broken promises from people in your life?
2. God made a promise through David (theologically called "The Davidic Covenant") in 2 Samuel 7:8-16. The Bible says that David was a man after God's own heart. Read Acts 13:22 and 36. What of David's life can we apply to ours? How are we doing at truly living that out?
3. In 2 Samuel 7:10-11, God promises that Israel will have peace from their enemies. Take some time and effort to really understand what 2 Peter 3:8-18 teaches as to why it is taking so long for the Lord to live up to His promise.
4. 2 Samuel 7:13 and 16 tell us how long this reign of the King will be. In light of this reality, what percentage of our lives should be dedicated to this future? Is it possible to dedicate 100% of our lives in preparation for this future? How does that look when we have all these earthly responsibilities to attend to (school, work, friends, family, etc.)? How do we avoid the old warning "They were so heavenly minded they were of no earthly good"?
5. Unlike some scholars who say that Jesus is reigning on the Davidic throne right now in heaven, Jeremy said that this reign has yet to be realized. See if Jeremy makes a good case by looking up the following passages to determine if the reign of Christ sitting on the Davidic throne is happening now, or is yet to come, and where this throne will be (on earth or in heaven): Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 14:1-11 (esp. vv.4 and 9); Matthew 19:28-30; 25:31; Mark 11:9-10; Luke 1:31-33; Acts 1:6 (why would the disciples ask this question?); Revelation 3:21 (Jesus made a distinction).
6. Can you think of some of the promises of God throughout the Bible that apply to us today (challenging thought: some don't apply to us, like the often quoted 2 Chronicles 7:14 ☺)?