

Promise of the Father

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2 Samuel 7:1-17

A 1950s television series, *Father Knows Best*, pictured an ideal family. The parents were raising their children to respect others and do right no matter what the circumstances; they were committed to loving and caring for their children. The children exhibited polite manners and good behavior—most of the time—and loved and respected their father and mother.

In 2 Samuel 7, we get a glimpse of God's love for King David. David wanted to construct a proper temple for God. God's response to David's request seems rather harsh: "Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?" (v. 5). David's job was to consolidate his kingdom and lead Israel wisely. First Chronicles 28:3 tells us that God did not want His temple built by a warrior. He would later choose a man of peace—David's son Solomon—to build the temple.

Our heavenly "Father who knows best" is calling us for His purposes and His glory. As we approach the throne of grace today, let us not go with our own agenda, but search out God's good and perfect will in our lives.

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