

## LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Scripture	Message
Nov. 29-30	Genesis 3:14-15	The Promised Child
Dec. 6-7	Genesis 4-9	The Promised Child
Dec. 13-14	Genesis 22:1-18	The Promised Child
Dec. 20-21	2 Samuel 7:1-17	The Promised Child
Dec. 23-24	Matthew 1:18-25	The Promised Child
Dec. 27-28	Ephesians 5:8-16	Annual Examen
Jan. 3-4	Galatians 3:1-9	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 10-11	Galatians 3:10-14	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 17-18	Galatians 3:15-22	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 24-25	Galatians 3:23-29	The Promise Fulfilled

## CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

Candlelight, worship, and a message of hope as we remember the birth of Jesus.

**Christmas Eve Eve - Dec 23 at 6 PM**

**Christmas Eve - Dec 24 at 2, 4 and 6 PM**

The weekend of Dec 27-28 will be online only- an intentional pause to worship at home, reflect with loved ones, and prepare your heart for the year ahead.



December 20 & 21, 2025 | The Promised Child 4 | 2 Samuel 7:1-17 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

*Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your **offspring** and her **offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*

The promise is a GIFT.

## DAVID'S DESIRE

*2 Samuel 7:1 Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had **given** him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3 And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."*

1. David's desire points toward healthy GRATITUDE.
2. There's a fine line between "SHOULD" and "COULD."
  - a. Quid pro quo is natural for people and FALSE GODS.
  - b. GRACE is learned from the Lord.

## ASK YOURSELF:

- What's driving my approach to giving and receiving?

## GOD'S GIFT

2 Samuel 7:4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: **Would you build me a house to dwell in?** 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

### 1. The Lord isn't lacking, He's LOVING.

2 Samuel 7:8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies....

### 2. The Lord isn't relating through RECIPROCATION.

2 Samuel 7:11 ...Moreover, the LORD declares to you that **the LORD will make you a house**. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your **offspring** after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

### 3. The Lord is working out the PROMISE through the line of David.

2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom **forever**.

- a. While Solomon would build a temporary house for God in Jerusalem (1 Kings 6), Jesus would build an eternal house for God in His CHURCH (1 Peter 2:4-5; Ephesians 2:19-22).

2 Samuel 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

- b. While David's HEIRS would fall short in their sin (1 Kings 11:9-13), Jesus would pay the debt for all sin (1 John 2:2).

2 Samuel 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure **forever** before me. Your throne shall be established **forever**.' 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

### 4. The promise has always been a GIFT.

Ephesians 2:8 For by **grace** you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift** of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- a. Grace can't be EARNED.
- b. Grace must be RECEIVED.

## ASK YOURSELF:

- How am I responding to God's gift?

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