



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

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## **Topic: Build the House of God**

I Chronicles 17: 1-13, After David was settled in his palace, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under a tent."

Nathan replied to David, "Whatever you have in mind, do it, for God is with you."

But that night the word of God came to Nathan, saying:

"Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says;

"I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like all the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore. I will also subdue all your enemies. " 'I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you: When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your own offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. . . I will never take away my love from him, as I took it away from your predecessor"

God is not a "Taker"; God is a "Giver." Whatever we give to God, He will give it back to us "a good measure, pressed down shaken together and running over (Luke 6:38). When we give faithfully to him in our tithes and offerings, He promises to open the windows of Heaven upon our lives and pour out so much blessing that we won't even have room to contain it (Malachi 3:10).

I have always been telling you to try it, it works because God is not a man that He should lie.

If God were to lie for a moment, He would cease to be God; because He would have no basis of righteousness.

There is something very extraordinary about giving generously to God.

I am perfectly aware that the subject of giving has been blatantly abused by some pastors who have taken undue advantage of God's children, even to the point of fleecing God's children and making merchandise of them. But this does not negate the evidence of Scripture that God grant His great favor to generous givers.

In fact, Scripture makes it clear that when we give generously to God, He will give generously back to us because God loves generous givers.

Generous giving comes out of a grateful heart and that is what touches the heart of God.

David recognized that God had been extremely gracious to him. God had elevated him from an unnoticed shepherd to the position of a king. He was now living in a palace built of cedar.

Out of gratitude, he felt the need to build a house for the ark of God which was being housed in a tent at the time. This decision was born out of pure gratitude to God. God was deeply touched.

So what came out of this generous desire?

Several blessings:

First: God promised to make David like the names of the greatest men on all the earth. The fulfillment is borne out by the fact that thousands of years after the death of David, people are still being named after him! We constantly talk about how David defeated Goliath.

Second: God promised to subdue all his enemies before him. What a blessing!

Third: The LORD promised to build the house of David. This was more than a physical dwelling place.

This referred to the legacy and posterity (future generations) of David! The truth is, "except the LORD builds a house, the laborers will be building in vain." (Psalm 127:1)

Do you want God to build your house?

Then build His house first. Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and He will add all other things to you. (Matthew 6:33)

He will build not just your physical home but your relationships, marriage, career, business and even your reputation long after you are gone from the earth.

Fourth: God promised that His love will never depart from David's house.

Do you want a generational blessing of God's love to follow your children?

Then invest in building the house of God.

Build God's house and God will surprise you with incredible favor. God will watch over His word to perform it in your life!

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