

# **WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”**

## **II Samuel 7**

**David knew what it was to have his plans rejected by God.  
Let's see what we can learn from his situation.**

### **I. DAVID'S WISH (1-3)**

#### **A. THE SITUATION (1)**

- David is living peaceably in his palace

#### **B. DAVID'S OBSERVATION**

1. A contrast between his house and God's dwelling place
2. Basic analysis: God deserves better
3. Intentions: I will build God a house!

#### **C. NATHAN'S CONFIRMATION**

- He encourages David to proceed but neglects to seek God's approval.

### **II. GOD'S WHOA (4-17)**

#### **A. GOD SAYS “NO” (4-7)**

##### **1. God's Prohibition**

- a. God has a right to say “no”
  - See Num. 20:12 then Deut. 3:23-26 along with Deut. 32:48-52 and 34:4-5
- b. God can overrule a good and godly man's approval
- c. God's indications
  - 1) David is not the one to build the temple
    - See I Chron. 22:8 and 28:3
  - 2) God does not need and did not request such a place

##### **2. Man's Problem**

- a. We wrongly assume that if we really want to give God something its OK and He will take it
  - Note Cain's rejected offering in Gen. 4
- b. Just because we want to give it does not mean God wants it!

## B. GOD SAYS “NOT YET” (8-17)

1. God’s Perspective
  - It’s not the right time
2. God’s Priorities: Other things first
  - a. Establish David’s reign and fame (8-9)
  - b. Establish the nation (10-11) > Giving them a permanent place and lasting peace
  - c. Establish a dynasty (12-16) > Raising up David’s descendent after him
  - d. THEN ... Have a house built for Himself (13)
3. Man’s Positions
  - a. We sometimes become proud
    - But remember Is. 55:8-9
  - b. We sometimes get ahead of God’s timing
    - Exp: Moses in Acts 7:22-25
  - c. We sometimes just need to wait
    - See Acts 16:5-10 and Paul’s Macedonian call situation

## III. DAVID’S WORSHIP (18-29)

**\* Though David could not build God a house of worship,  
he could give God a heart of worship!**

### A. THANKSGIVING FOR GOD’S ACTIONS (18-21)

1. He Promotes (18)
2. He Promises (19a)
3. He Teaches (19b-21)

### B. PRAISE FOR GOD’S ATTRIBUTES (22-24)

1. He Is Great (22a)
2. He is Unique (22b)
3. He Redeems (23-24)

### C. DESIRE FOR GOD’S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (25-29)

1. Magnify Your Name (25-27)
2. Bless My House (28-29)

## CONCLUSION:

**What should you do when God says “no?”**

- Quit .... Cry .... Grumble .... WORSHIP!

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