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2 Sam. 7:18-29
David’s Praise to God

INTRO

I. GOD’S UNBELIEVABLE BLESSINGS.
     David’s current blessings.
     David’s desire to do something for God.
     God’s desire to bless David more.

II. DAVID PRAISES GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS.

          David sat down before the Lord.

     A. David praises God for his past and present blessings (v. 18).
          1) A thankful heart never forgets past blessings.
          2) Past blessings should produce humility (v. 18).
                    “Who am I, O Lord God and what is my house?”

               WHAT DO WE DESERVE?
     B. David praises God for his future blessings (vv. 19-22).

          1) God’s future blessings outshine His past blessings (v 19). They are “insignificant” compared to future blessings.

               NAS - “And this is the custom of man, O Lord God!”
               NKJV - “Is this the manner of man, O Lord God?”
               NIV - “Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign Lord?”
     Lit - “This is the law of man, O Lord God.” Or this is God’s will for mankind. This covenant will bring about God’s will on the earth, it is “God’s Charter for Humanity”.

          2) David is speechless (v. 20).

          3) David finds his tongue and extols God (20-22)

               a) for His sovereign grace (20-21).

                    - “You know Your servant”

                    - “For the sake of Your word, and acc. to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness”.

               b) for God’s greatness (22).

                    - “You are great, O Lord God”
                    - “There is none like You, no God besides You,” we have not heard any rumor or report about any God that compares with You.

     C. David extols God’s goodness to Israel (23-24). Israel’s election meant they were redeemed to be possessed. They were set free from Egypt that they might be set apart for God. THEY WERE GIVEN LIBERTY IN ORDER TO BECOME GOD’S PROPERTY. Two ideas in biblical redemption: deliverance (from sin) and dedication (to God).

     D. David prays the promises of God (25-29).

          Confirm it forever, Do it, that Your Name might be magnified forever. Bless your servant as You said You would and may the house of Your servant be blessed forever.

III. LEARNING FROM DAVID.

     1) We need to be a thankful people. When God’s people give thanks to God:
               They magnify Him - Ps. 69:30 I will praise the name of God with song, And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving.

               They honor Him - Ps. 50:23 "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders way I shall show the salvation of God."

               God is enthroned on the praises of Israel (Ps. 22:3)

               We are commanded to give God thanks for His mercies - Ps. 50:14 "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High;

          One of the greatest sins of omission is the failure to give God thanks for blessings received. Consider the characte of those who withhold thanks to God:

                    Rom. 1:20-21

                    2 Tim. 3:2-5

                    Lk. 17:11-19 - “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine - where are they?”

                    James 1:17

     2) God has given us blessings equal to those of David’s. Eph. 1:3.

     3) Sometimes an ungrateful heart loses its blessings.

     4) Count your blessings and give God the praise and thanksgiving He deserves.