



Smith Rock
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Finding
Christmas

Sermon notes
and
study guide

For the week of
27th December 2020



Christmas King

2 Samuel 7:1-29 or page 242 in a church bible.

Main points

1. R _____

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

2. R _____

12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

WHAT NEXT?



What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?

What was the main point of the sermon?

What stood out for you in this text.

**What is one thing you are going to do with what you
heard this next week**

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."

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?"' 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. 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. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 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. 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.

*18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 19 And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! 20 And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! 21 Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. 22 Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before
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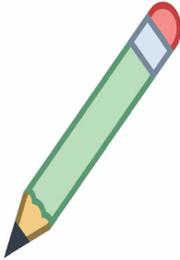
Sermon notes

for kids

Favourite song today

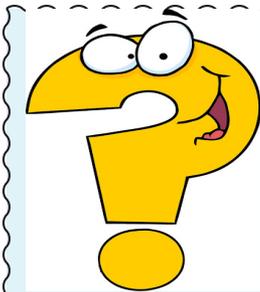
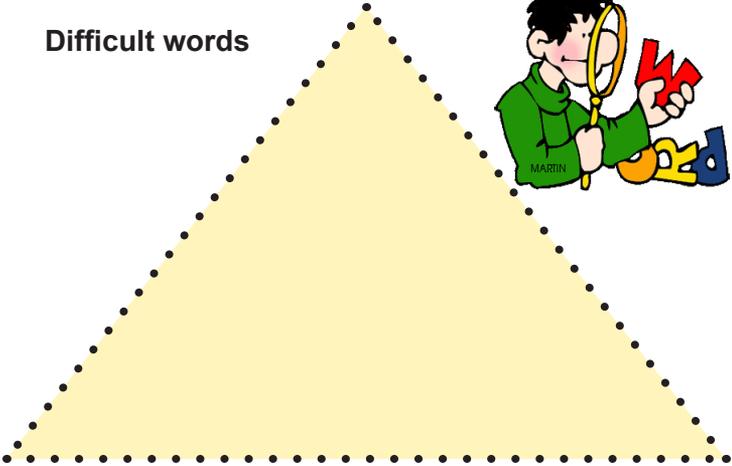


Draw a picture from the sermon



NAME OF THE BOOK

Difficult words



Questions

Today I learned

Four horizontal lines for writing, set within a light orange rectangular background.



Further study for *Groups and individuals*

Review

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment to review what you wrote you were going to take action on.

How did it go? _____

What did you learn? _____

How was your Christmas? _____

Now that Christmas is over, what is your focus? _____

If you had some time off work and the normal routine of life what would you do with it? _____

When is the last time you took a look back at where you have been in life? _____

What did you find? _____

As David looked back over his life what do you think he was thankful for? _____

Look back over the last year list five things you are thankful for.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Why was David so concerned about the ark of God being under canvas while he slept in a house? _____

As you consider where we are at right now, where does your concern lie when it comes to the things of God? _____

What goals if any are you going to set in your life for the upcoming year? _____

How do they reveal the life of Christ in you? _____

How fortunate was David to have Nathan to bounce his ideas and goals off? _____

Do you have someone to share your goals with to get their insight and feedback? _____

Once you have a plan in mind, how open are you to having God adjust it? _____

What does it take for God to adjust your plans? _____

Have you set out to do something for God and ended up being more blessed by Him? _____

In Genesis 49 Jacob gathers his sons to tell them what will happen to them, and this is part of what he says to Judah;

10 *The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;*

and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Genesis 49:10 (ESV)

When did God decide David's decendent would rule forever? _____

Read the following passages;

John 2;18-20, 6:38-40, 10:17-18, 17;11-12, 18;7-11. When you read these verses what assurance do you have that Jesus is the right king to be under? _____

The directions the wise men were given was taken from Micah 5:2;

6 *“ And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”*

Matthew 2:6 (ESV)

It led them to worship Jesus. What leads you to worship him? _____

your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? 24 And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O Lord, became their God. 25 And now, O Lord God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. 26 And your name will be magnified forever, saying, 'The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. 27 For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. 28 And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 29 Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."

2 Samuel 7:1–29 (ESV)