

# PERSONAL REFLECTION

## The SHADOW KING

2 Samuel 7  
The Shadow King

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### Personal Reflection Question

READ Psalm 111. Write out some promises that you know that God has made to you. Write out also the blessings that He has granted you. As David expressed his gratitude to the Lord for the promises he received in 2 Samuel 7:18-29, how have you responded to the Lord for surrounding you with His promises and blessings?

2 Samuel 7: 1-13

Psalm 93:1-2, 2 Samuel 7:2, 2 Samuel 7:3

### THE PLAIN MAIN THING

- Religion is spelled \_\_\_\_\_ but the Gospel is spelled \_\_\_\_\_!  
2 Samuel 7:12

### HOW WILL GOD DO THIS?

1. Jesus is our true \_\_\_\_\_  
John 1:14

2. Jesus is our true \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 6:9-10

3. Jesus is our true \_\_\_\_\_

2 Samuel 7:14

### Prayer Requests

### Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Used from the READ SCRIPTURE app. Available for both Android and Apple devices.

February 4: Leviticus 16-18 | Psalm 35  
February 5: Leviticus 19-20 | Psalm 36  
February 6: Leviticus 21-23 | Psalm 37  
February 7: Leviticus 24-25 | Psalm 38  
February 8: Leviticus 26-27 | Psalm 39  
February 9: Numbers 1-4 | Psalm 40  
February 10: Numbers 5-7 | Psalm 41

Grab your copy of The Shadow King series introduction booklet from the lobby, or find it online at the livestream page of [gatewaycrc.org](http://gatewaycrc.org)!



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## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What's your favorite scent? What does it remind you of?
2. Do you have a favorite plant or flower? What is it, and why?

## QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. This weekend, Pastor Justin talked about the prevalence of "*Moralistic Therapeutic Deism*" which is the idea where God wants people to be good, nice, and fair so that they can go to heaven when they die. Why do you think this is such a powerful view in Christian culture today?

## SCRIPTURE REVIEW

READ 2 Samuel 7:1-13

1. What does this passage say about the character of God?
2. What does this passage say about fallen humanity and the world we are in?
3. Where does this passage specifically expose sin or unbelief in my own life? How does it specifically call me to change my thinking, redirect my affections, replace behaviors, and trust in my Savior?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ 2 Samuel 7:2-6. When you've asked the Lord for something, His replies usually take shape in either a "Yes!" "No," or "Not yet." What is something that you have asked God for, where you've heard Him answer one of these ways? What was that like?

2. READ 2 Samuel 7:7. If God didn't ask for a house to be built for Himself, why did David think it was a good idea to build Him one?

- READ Deuteronomy 6:4-6. What might we do, that we think honours God, but really doesn't?

3. READ 2 Samuel 7:8-10. Consider the direction of God's words to David: "*I took...*" "*I have been...*," "*I will make ...*," & "*I will plant...*" What was God wanting David to understand?

- READ Matthew 6:31-33. What does it mean to you that God has always been your Shepherd and Provider?

4. READ 2 Samuel 7:12-16. We're told here that a temple will be built, but by someone else; while also, there is an underlying tone that something so much more is happening, than just the building of a physical temple. What is that?

- READ Luke 1:30-33. What assurances are we able to see in the words of the Angel speaking to Mary, that the original audience of 2 Samuel 7 might have missed?

## TAKING IT HOME

READ 2 Samuel 7:18-22. Here we see David's response to God's answer of "*no*." What can you learn from David's response to God for the next time that you hear the same answer? Will that be easy or hard to implement? Why is that?