

WHEN GOD SAYS NO
2 SAM 7:1-29 / 7-22-20 / WED

I. WHAT WAS DAVID'S "NO" PRAYER?

A. God had blessed David in many ways.

1. David became Israel's king after Saul's death—5:3-4.
2. David was able to build a palace for himself—7:1a.

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After the king was settled in his palace

3. David was able to win victory over all his enemies—7:1b.

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...the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him.

B. Now David wanted to bless God—7:2-3

1. Now David wanted to build a permanent structure for the Ark because God had been so good to him—7:2-3.
2. Even though this was a desire of David's heart, God told him no—7:5

II. WHY DID GOD TELL DAVID "NO"?

A. Why did God say no to David's prayers and sometimes to ours also?

1. It may be the wrong request.
2. It may be the wrong time. "Wait" sometimes sounds like "no".
3. It may be the wrong plan.
4. It may be that God has something even better planned for us—Ephesians 3:20.

- B. What were the better promises God had for David after He told him “no”?
1. First, God reminded David that He had been with him in the past—7:8-9a.
 2. Second, God promised David He would continue to be with him—7:9b.

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.....Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.

3. Third, God promised David an heir—7:11b-13.
4. Fourth, God also promised that David’s kingdom would last forever—7:16.

III. HOW DID DAVID RESPOND TO GOD’S “NO”?

- A. How do people respond to God’s “no” today?
1. Anger.
 2. Rebellion.
 3. Stop praying.
- B. How did David respond?
1. First, he was humbled by God’s goodness-7:18.
 2. Second, he praised God anyway—7:22.
 3. Third, he trusted God to do what’s best—7:28.