

Shepherd's Covenant

2 Samuel 7:1-17

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Introduction: Cutting too close to the bone.

Key Question: Why do the Biblical writers cut so close to the bone when describing the sins of the persons we want to be heroes?

Key thought: We won't let Scripture cut too close to our own hearts if we don't recognize its "heroes" share our sins.

What are the messages that God want us to take from his covenant with David?

- I. God's Presence: The Lord stays close to those whose hearts are stayed on Him:
  - A. God is Present with Those Who Follow Him (v. 6)
  - B. God is Distant from Those Who Depart from Him (v. 7)
- II. God's Provision: The Lord provides for those who cannot provide for themselves:
  - A. From Pasture to Prince (v. 8)
  - B. From War to Rest (vv. 9-12)

III. God's Promise: The Lord will save all who confess their need of Him.

A. God Will Do as He Says (vv. 13-15)

B. God Will Do as We Need (v. 13b & 16)