



# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

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KEY SCRIPTURES **2 Samuel 7:18–29; Psalm 107:1**

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever” (Psalm 107:1, NIV).

In this, people who profess God as Lord of their lives are called and encouraged to give thanks to Him. I ask for what should we be thankful for? The psalmist tells us for his love. King David expands on this by showing what the love of God looked like for him in 2 Samuel 7:18-19. The love of God for him is anchored in his actions to be faithful to him. As I read the passage, it occurs to me that David is thankful in three ways: for the past, for his present, for what God will do in the future. There is an infusion of joy and peace in his words of thankfulness. I find myself invited to express thanksgiving in the same way: for God’s faithfulness in my past, my present realities, and my future endeavours. I stand in agreement with King David as I wonder what I have done to receive this amazing grace which makes me a child of God.

David asks, “Who am I, Sovereign Lord... that you have brought me this far?” (2 Samuel 18b, NIV) Take a moment to think about David’s

life up to this point in time. He was born into a family of low status and was the smallest of his brothers. He tended sheep and fought Goliath the giant with his slingshot and stones. After being surprisingly chosen to be the future king of Israel, Saul, the current king, hunted him down to end his life. For nearly 15 years, he waited for God’s promise to come to pass in his life and faced many obstacles in the process.

Furthermore, King David looks at his current reality and is thankful. He is thankful because God is the one who placed him in the position to lead. He prays “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant” (2 Samuel 7:27-28, NIV). I have been learning to be thankful for my current reality in life. To do this I see everything around me as a blessing from God for which I can audibly say thank you!

Lastly, King David anticipates future blessings which causes him to be thankful. This anticipation is based on God’s character and past actions. He says, “And now, Lord God,

