

What God's Consistency Means for Us
2 Samuel 7:8-16

We should expect _____ from the God who said in **Mal. 3:6**, "For I the Lord do not _____," and of Jesus, **Heb. 13:8** says, "Jesus Christ is the _____ yesterday and today and forever."

After the death of Israel's first king, Saul, David consolidated power in all Israel and established his palace in Jerusalem. He planned to build a _____ for the Lord. But God spoke through the prophet, Nathan, that David was not to build the temple. God's answer to David included some important promises: I will make your name _____, I will provide a _____ for my people Israel, and I will also give you _____ from all your enemies. But the most important promise was that David's _____ would build the house and his kingdom would be forever.

David's son, Solomon, did not sit on the throne _____. Jesus came and died on the cross, but He rose from the dead. God put Jesus on His throne like He did David, and Jesus' victory over death was the ultimate _____ of the promise given 1000 yrs. earlier.

Here's what God's consistency means for us today. First, it means we can trust absolutely the _____ of God. How He has acted predicts how He _____ act. Just as God promised Joshua and the early Christians that He would be with them, He will always be _____, providing and seeing you through.

Second, it means we can use the consistency of God's behavior in the Bible to establish _____ patterns of behavior. Speak and act like _____. It is our highest calling.

Third, God's absolute consistency means that Jesus really is God's _____. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords and the fulfillment of the promise given in 2 Sam. 7:16 – "Your throne will be established forever." God's absolute consistency—His promise-keeping nature—means there is only one _____ response. Submit to Jesus' _____. Accept His offer of salvation and eternal life and make Him your _____.