

Week 2

Exercises

1. Read Psalm 2 and 2 Samuel 7. What do you think was [David's understanding of God's Kingdom](#)? How did it compare to his own, earthly kingdom?
2. What are some of the ['pictures' or 'maps' God has given you](#)? Have your expectations of what God will do ever been shaped by your own ideas?
3. What if anything do we have to do? Given that the Kingdom is something which is intrinsically a work of God's sovereignty, [what if anything is required of us by way of participation](#)? Think not only of the lives of Moses and David but also those teachings of Jesus with which you are familiar. Draw from the whole trajectory of the topic.
4. Material or Spiritual or both? Solomon asked for the gift of Wisdom when he could have asked for purely material benefits. In the event God gives him both. Is the kingdom today purely about spiritual blessings? Is the land of milk and honey simply a metaphor, an illustration of Christ's kingdom which he said was not of this world? Some preachers say the OT concept of 'Land' and 'Kingdom' is solely about [material blessings](#) whilst the NT concept of Kingdom is only one of [spiritual blessings](#). [Is this distinction valid](#)? Where, if any, does the balance lie?