

# 1 Chronicles 17:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

## Analysis

**Theological Analysis:** This passage falls within the section on Davidic Covenant - God's promise of eternal dynasty. The Hebrew term **עולם** (olam) - everlasting/eternal is theologically significant here, pointing to God's unconditional covenant promises. The Chronicler's narrative, while paralleling Samuel-Kings in places, offers a distinct theological perspective emphasizing temple worship, Levitical service, and covenant faithfulness.

Chronicles presents David not primarily as warrior-king but as worship organizer and temple planner. This verse contributes to that portrait by highlighting the spiritual dimensions of Israel's national life. The text demonstrates that true prosperity comes through proper worship and covenant obedience rather than merely military or political success.

Doctrinally, this passage teaches about God's unconditional covenant promises. Cross-references throughout Chronicles connect David's reign to the broader redemptive narrative, showing how God's covenant promises advance through faithful human leadership while ultimately depending on divine grace and power. The messianic implications are profound: Jesus as eternal Son of David.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Background:** This section describes events from David's reign (c. 1010-970 BCE) but was written centuries later during the Persian period (c. 450-400 BCE). The Chronicler's selectivity in retelling David's story serves his theological purposes—he omits David's sins (Bathsheba, Absalom's rebellion) while emphasizing David's worship reforms and temple preparations.

The historical setting of Davidic Covenant - God's promise of eternal dynasty occurred during Israel's united monarchy, when the nation reached its territorial and political zenith. Archaeological evidence from this period shows significant building projects and administrative development. However, the Chronicler writes for a much smaller, struggling post-exilic community, using David's golden age to inspire hope for restoration.

Ancient Near Eastern parallels show that temple construction and royal sponsorship of worship were common across cultures. However, Israel's understanding of worship centered on covenant relationship with the one true God rather than manipulation of capricious deities. This theological distinctiveness shapes the Chronicler's presentation.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse's emphasis on God's unconditional covenant promises challenge or affirm your current spiritual priorities and practices?
2. What does Jesus as eternal Son of David teach you about Jesus Christ and His redemptive work?
3. In what practical ways can you apply the principles of covenant faithfulness and proper worship demonstrated in this passage?

## Interlinear Text

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וְעַתָּה	יְהִי	הַ	רְאֵבֶב	רְאֵבֶב	אֲשֶׁר	דְּבָרֶתֶן	דְּבָרֶתֶן	עַל
H6258	Therefore	now	LORD	let	the	thing	H834	as thou hast said
	H3068			H1697			H1696	H5921
עַל	עַבְדֶּךָ	וְעַל	בֵּית	וְעַל	יְאִם	וְעַד		
concerning	thy	servant	H5921	and concerning	his	house	be established	for
	H5650			H1004			H539	H5704
עַל	עַל	כִּאֵשׁ	רְאֵבֶב	וְעַשְׂתָּה	וְעַל	דְּבָרֶתֶן		
ever	and	do	H834	as thou hast said				
H5769		H6213		H1696				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:49** (Parallel theme): Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

**Jeremiah 11:5** (References Lord): That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.

**Luke 1:38** (References Lord): And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**Genesis 32:12** (Parallel theme): And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.