

1 Chronicles 28:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

Analysis

God's covenant word to David about Solomon: 'And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.' This reaffirms the Davidic covenant (17:11-14) with explicit application to Solomon. The father-son relationship language signifies covenant intimacy and obligation. God's choosing Solomon (bachar - elect/select) demonstrates divine sovereignty in appointing leaders. The purpose - building house and courts - shows God's election serves His redemptive purposes. This points ultimately to Christ, God's chosen Son who builds the true temple. All believers, united to Christ, share in this sonship and building work.

Historical Context

Spoken at David's assembly appointing Solomon (c. 971 BCE), this public declaration established Solomon's legitimacy as chosen by God, not merely human succession. The covenant's continuity through generations showed God's faithfulness despite human frailty.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does understanding your adoption as God's child in Christ affect your identity and purpose?
2. What part of God's 'house' - the church - are you called to 'build' through your gifts and service?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	לְ	שֶׁלָמֵה	הַ	לְבָ	וְ	הַ	בְּ	הַ
And he said	H0	unto me Solomon		him to be my son		H1931	he shall build	
H559		H8010		H1121			H1129	
בֵּית	וְ	וְ	בְּ	לְ	וְ	לְ	וְ	לְ
my house	and my courts	H3588	for I have chosen	H977	H0	H0	him to be my son	
H1004	H2691						H1121	
אָבִ	לְ	אָהִיה	לְאָנָה					
H589	H1961	H0	and I will be his father	H1				

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 3:6 (Parallel theme): But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.