

Lesson Aim	To understand how Jesus Christ, the presence of God on earth, is the promise made to David.
Steps to Learning	Read the Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 14 and 2 Samuel 7 . Discuss the sermon and the particulars of the lesson below. It may be best to work through the material over several days or sessions.
Discuss	<p>Why did David want to build a house for God? Because he lived in a nice house of cedar and God, as it were, lived in a tent, the Tabernacle.</p> <p>How did God respond to David's desire? He spoke to David through the prophet Nathan. God informed David that he had no need for a house. He was and is self-sufficient and perfectly holy. However, in his goodness and mercy, he has chosen to dwell among his people in a tent, the Tabernacle. Nonetheless, God's dwelling among the people of Israel was a kind of threat because of the people's sin. Therefore, God had plans to be with his people in the future in a comforting and saving way.</p> <p>How did God inform David that he would be with his people in a comforting and saving way? God promises David that David's son, Solomon, would build God's house, the Temple. But contained within this promise, was the reality that David's greater Son, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who would build an eternal dynasty. Through David's line, Jesus would come who would work salvation as the True King of Israel and all of God's people. In and through his work, people would be saved and ruled by Jesus Christ.</p> <p>What New Testament text speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise of the Christ to come? Luke 1:31ff in which the angel Gabriel informs Mary that she will conceive and give birth to Jesus. The Lord God will give to Jesus the throne of his father David and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.</p> <p>What are the benefits of the holy conception and birth of Jesus Christ? First, God's presence in Christ is among his people. Second, as our Mediator, Christ, with his innocence and perfect holiness, covers, in the sight of God, our sin, wherein we were conceived. This means that through faith, we are justified in God's sight even though we are still personally sinful. Praise God!</p>
Bible Reading	Psalms 10–28 (Reading through the Psalms)