

# The Sunday School Lesson

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## Claiming God's Promise (II Samuel 7:18-29)

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### What Can I Say (II Samuel 7:18-20)

David had a desire to build a house for the Lord; Nathan, the prophet, told him to go ahead and build it. God spoke to Nathan and told him to stop David from building a house for Him. God had blessed David with a nice home and he didn't think that God's house ought to be in a tent; but God had other plans. In the first seventeen verses we see the establishment of the Davidic Covenant. God promised to establish the throne of David forever, and the promised Messiah would come through the lineage of David. God promised that David' son would build Him a house. God wanted to be in the midst of His people, therefore, until they were established in a permanent place, there was not a need for a house to worship in. God reminds David where He brought him from, and how He had protected him.

Now we see David giving God the praise and glory for what He has done for him. David recognized that he was what he was by the Grace of God, nothing more nor less. David asked the question: "Who am I?" In other words, David realized that he was a

simple shepherd, a nobody, but God elevated him to King over Israel. We can see a picture of humility and thankfulness for what God has done for him. God had made David great promises and he was astounded that God would consider him for such greatness. It would seem that David was at a loss for words. He did not know what else he could say because God knew his heart. Christians need to reflect on where God brought them from and what they were before God delivered them. God promised us eternal life, peace, joy, happiness, protection, etc. when he saved us, all we have to do is claim them.

### How Great You Are (II Samuel 7:21-24)

David recognized the greatness of God and that it was so simply because God said it. David recognized the deity of God, that there was none like Him nor was there any other God. He acknowledged that God had called the nation Israel to be His people and that He had delivered them, preserved them, and that they were a special people. Not only had God done all that, but He made a promise that they would be His people forever. Now, brethren, think about what God has done for us, even though we are not deserving. We need to take time out of our busy schedules to give God praise for making us what we are. Then like David we can realize how great God is and how marvelous are His ways. Just as God loves Israel even today,

He loves those of us who are born again with the same love, and He has greater promises for us. Have you claimed any of the promises of God lately? Someone said that there is over thirty thousand promises in the Bible. All we have to do is claim them, if we make him Lord of our lives.

### Your Will Be Done (II Samuel 7:25-29)

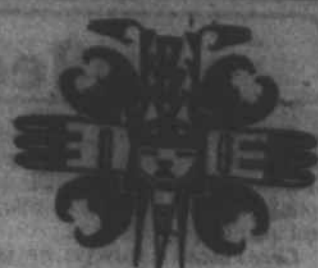
David accepted God's will in his life. God would build Him a house, and would establish David's house forever. David wanted God's will to be done and was willing to be the vessel for God to use. David refers to himself as God's servant and I remind us that we are servants, called to serve. When we allow God's will to be done in our lives, then others will see the manifestation of Christ through our lives. We can claim the promises of God based on His will for our lives. God's promises are true and God will be what He has promised, if we allow Him to work in our lives. To know God's will in our life and the promises He has for us requires something on our part. We need to study God's word and pray to find God's will for us. When we know God's will then we must do our part to see that it is carried out. God will do His part. Remember we are servants called to service now for the coming king, Jesus Christ. If you are not a servant, God is calling you now. Accept His call now. God bless you until next week.

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## AISES Conference to be Held November 10-13 in California

The 16th Annual American Indian Science and Engineering Society National Conference will be held November 10-13, 1994 in San Jose, Calif. at the San Jose Convention Center. The 1994 AISES conference, "Weaving Tradition and Technology," will focus on the future of technology and its influence on Native Americans. The goal of AISES is to increase the number of Native Americans in science and engineering professions. The major corporate sponsor of the 1994 National Conference is Intel Corporation, with additional major sponsorship from IBM, Hewlett-Packard and The U.S. Department of Energy - Oakland.

The AISES National Conference is renowned as one of the nation's premier events for Indian students. It is the focal point of all AISES programs and serves as the gathering place for friends of AISES. The 1993

conference in Spokane, Wash. drew a record attendance of 2,250 participants, including American Indian high school and college students, corporate, and government leaders, as well as Indian professionals. In November, as participants gather in Silicon Valley, AISES expects a crowd of 3,000, including 900 college and 600 high school students. Highlights of the 1994 conference will include the premier of a theatrical production based on Native American experience, an honors banquet, tours of Silicon Valley, workshops, a traditional powwow, professional development sessions, student thesis presentations, the Council of Elders, a career fair and many dynamic speakers from Native American tribes, communities and corporations.

For more information about the conference, contact Andrea Harshman at AISES, phone (303) 939-0023.



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## County-wide AISES chapter begins

The Indian Education Program of the Public Schools of Robeson County has developed and implemented a county-wide chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). Though the Indian Education Program has been affiliated with AISES for some years now, this is the first official effort, by them, to begin a county-wide chapter of the organization.

AISES is a non-profit organization that seeks to significantly increase the number of American Indian scientists and engineers. AISES begins working with students as early as elementary school to strengthen their backgrounds in math and science. AISES also sponsors ten summer programs nationwide, with roughly 300 students participating. In addition to working with the students, AISES also offers free, nation-wide summer programs for math and science teachers who teach in schools with a large enrollment of American Indian students.

On November 10-13, AISES will

be having its annual national conference in San Jose, California. The Indian Education Program, will be represented at this national conference by six area high school students.

Recently, the public schools' county-wide AISES Chapter held its second organized meeting at the Indian Education Center in Pembroke. The main purpose of this meeting was to elect officers. The officers elected were: August Hammonds, President, Lumberton Senior High; Jason Locklear, vice president, Lumberton Junior High; Lakola Hunt, secretary, St. Pauls High; Lateisha Rogers, treasurer, Fairmont High School; and Erin Locklear, advisor, Purnell Sweet High.

AISES next meeting will be November 30, at 4:00 p.m. at the Indian Education Center in Pembroke. For more information on AISES, please contact Kevin Locklear, Youth Development Specialist, or Mayebelle Elk, Center Coordinator, at 521-18881 or 521-1886.

## LREMC Keeps Same Officers on Board of Directors

More than 1,200 cooperative members attended Lumbee River EMC's Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, October 18. Pembroke State University was the site of this year's 54th meeting, which featured the presentation of yearly financial reports and the election of directors, as well as entertainment by the D & L Gospel Singers and the Mt. Airy Mixed Choir.

LREMC Attorney Arlie Jacobs officially opened the business meeting by announcing the presence of a quorum. The invocation was given by the Reverend Kelly Sanderson, of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Lacy Cummings presented the President's Report, prior to the report of the Nominating Committee by Mrs. Minnie Bullard, committee secretary. Tommy Greer, Director of Job Training and Safety, Carolina Electric Cooperatives, presented the co-op with a Certificate of Excellence from the Rural Electric Cooperatives Association for its outstanding safety programs.

General Manager Ronnie Hunt gave a slide presentation and reported

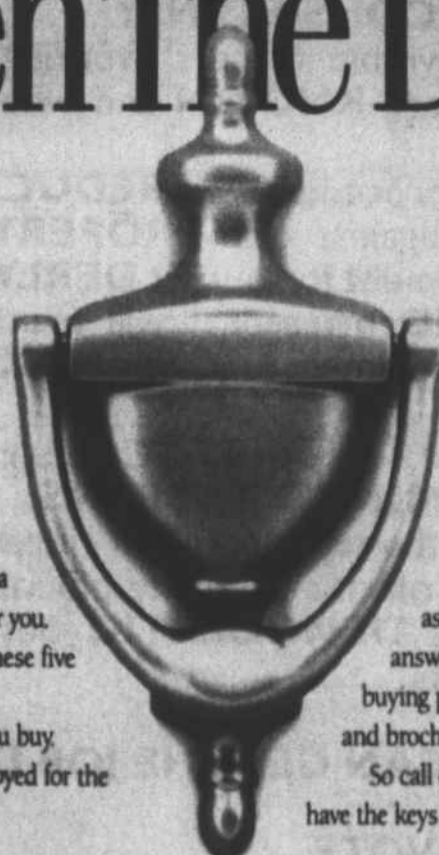
on the co-ops 1993-94 business year. He pointed out that LREMC electric rates have not increased in the past two years. He also reviewed plans to expand the headquarters office in Red Springs. Mr. Hunt said that in order to meet its number one goal of providing dependable electrical service, the co-op's engineering work plan includes the upgrading of old electric lines, and the building of new substations. Co-op employees were praised for their dedication, quality of work, and safety record.

Elected for three year terms were: District 1, incumbent James Dial of Maxton who defeated Haynes Deese Jr. of Rowland; District 5, Ambrose Locklear Jr. of Lumberton who defeated incumbent Ronald Hammonds of Lumberton; District 6, Proctor Locklear Jr. of Parkton, who defeated incumbent John Elebee of Raeford; and at-large representative, incumbent Lacy Cummings of Pembroke, who defeated Larry Locklear of Shannon.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a television, electric grill, and credits on electric bills were awarded, along with other door prizes donated for the occasion by co-op suppliers.

At the adjournment of the annual meeting, the board of directors met and re-elected Lacy Cummings as president; James Dial as vice-president; Madie Locklear as secretary; and Herbert Clark as treasurer. These officers were re-elected to their positions.

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