

Matching Desires

Psalm 132

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Introduction

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- Personal desires that turn into reality.

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- The psalm balances what David did for the Lord with what the Lord did for David.
- David brought the ark to Jerusalem and gathered resources to build the temple.
- God chose to make Jerusalem his eternal home and promised to establish David's royal dynasty there.

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- **Song of Ascents** – sung by pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem to worship at one of the feasts.

David's Promise to the Lord

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- David brought the ark to Jerusalem in **2 Samuel 6**.
- In **2 Samuel 7** he expresses his desire to build a home for the ark of the Lord.
- Solomon ultimately built it, but David got materials ready.

David's Promise to the Lord

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Acts 7: 44-46 (ESV) ⁴⁴ “Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. ⁴⁵ Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, ⁴⁶ who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.

David's Promise to the Lord

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- **132:1** the hardships he endured – speaking to Solomon
- **1 Chronicles 22:14-16** (ESV) ¹⁴ With great pains I have provided for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold, a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone, too, I have provided. To these you must add. ¹⁵ You have an abundance of workmen: stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of craftsmen without number, skilled in working ¹⁶ gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and work! The LORD be with you!”

David's Promise to the Lord

Psalm 132:1-10

- **132:2-5** This expresses the intensity of David's desire to build the temple.
- What desires has the Lord placed upon your heart?

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- **132:6-9** The ark was in **Kiriath Jearim** (or **Baale Judah**).
- Jerusalem was a few miles away over hilly terrain.
- On the second try, David and company made it to Jerusalem, the City of David.

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- **132:10** The psalmist prays for the king – Solomon or some later descendant of David.

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Just as Israel anxiously awaited the coming of the ark into the temple, so we should be waiting for the coming of our King – Jesus Christ. We should be poised to 'sing for joy' with all the saints.

– Zamani Kafang,
ECWA Theological Seminary, Nigeria



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Gathering in Jerusalem for a feast

The Lord's Promise to David

Psalm 132:11-18

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- **132:11-12** The Lord answers David's promise with a promise of his own.
- We are never going to *out-promise* God.

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- **132:11-12** Further, God's promises are sure, even when ours are not.

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God is not a changeable being. He never breaks his promises (Num 23:19; Mal 3:6). But there may be conditions attached to them.

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In this case, the condition for the fulfilment of his oath is that David's descendants must keep my covenant and live in obedience to it (132:12; 2 Sam 7:14). If they meet this condition, David's sons will sit on his throne for ever and ever.

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- **132:11-12** Let's reflect a moment on the unchangeableness of God.
- As we see in these verses, it doesn't mean that God cannot or will not establish conditions.
- When people change, he responds to those changes.

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Psalm 132:11-18

The unchangeableness of God:

God is unchanging in his being, perfections, purposes, and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions, and he acts and feels differently in response to different situations.

*– Wayne Grudem, General Editor,
ESV Study Bible*



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- Why does that matter?
- If God could change, would it be for the better or for the worse?
- Will he ever become less merciful, just or holy?
- Could he become evil?
- Will he change his mind and later refuse to forgive us?

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Psalm 132:11-18

“Shall man remember, and shall God forget?” He would be unrighteous if He were to forget the work of faith and labour of love of his saints. It was in pursuance of his covenant with David that Solomon's Temple at last stood complete. Thus God still bends over the scenes of the life-work of his children.

– F. B. Meyer (1847 – 1929)



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- **132:13-18** The Lord has chosen Zion as his home forever.
- The reign of God and the reign of David's dynasty come together in the person of Jesus Christ.

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The human commitment is mysteriously concurrent with the divine pleasure. The human commitment to finding a place for the Presence takes the form of the divine choice of a place for the Presence.

– James Luther Mays

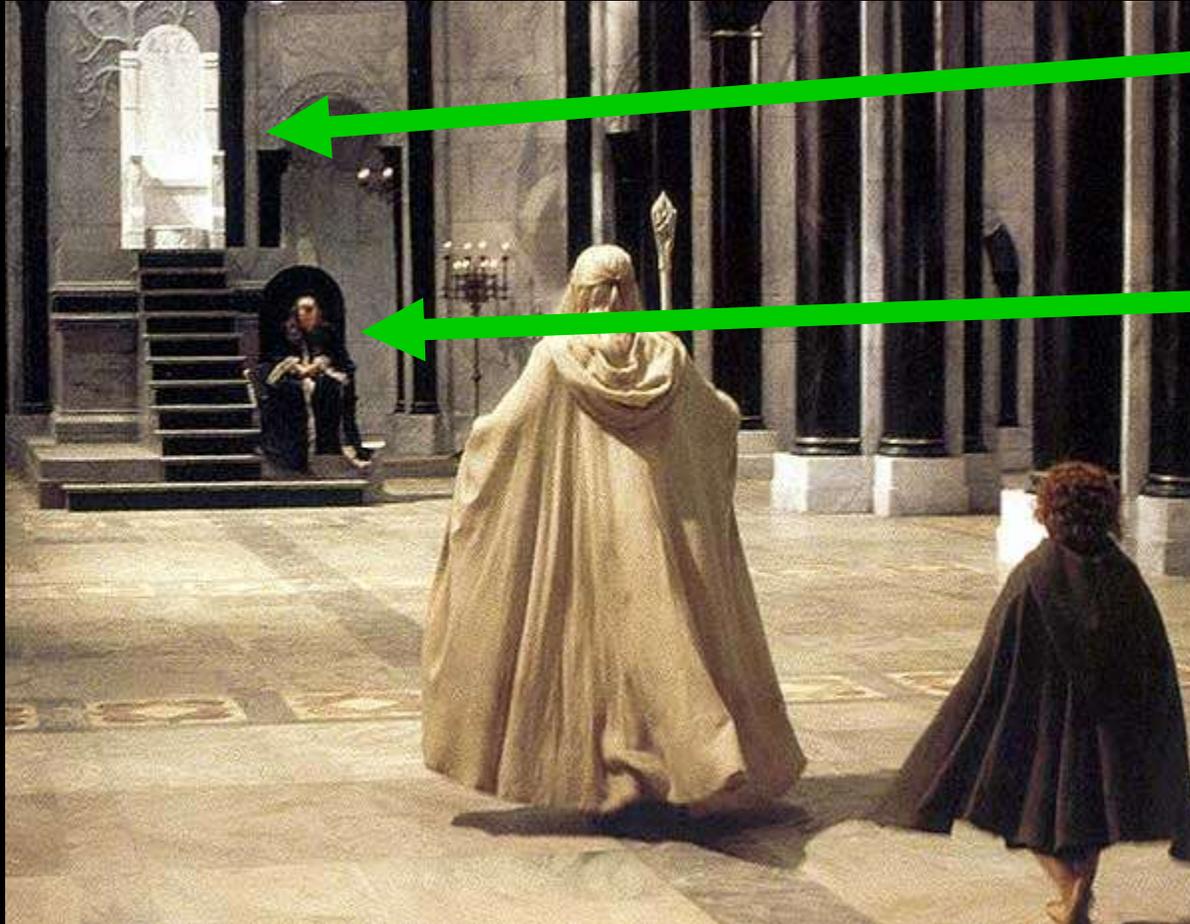
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Conclusions

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- In Jerusalem there is no king.
- Israel is a western-style democracy.

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The throne is empty.
(Aragorn not yet king)

Steward of Gondor
(Denethor?)

(For Tolkein fans)

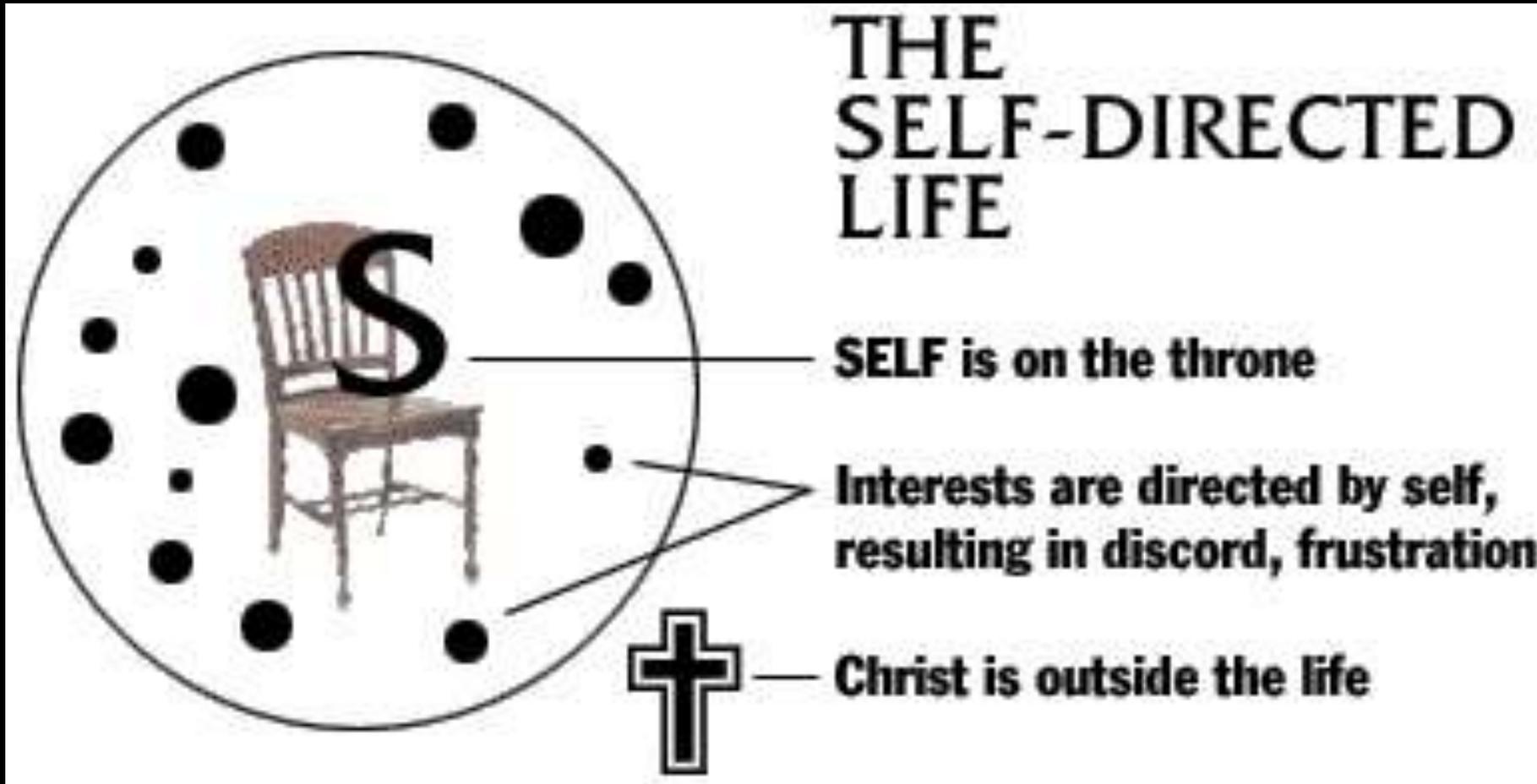
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- Has Jesus taken his rightful place on the throne of your life?

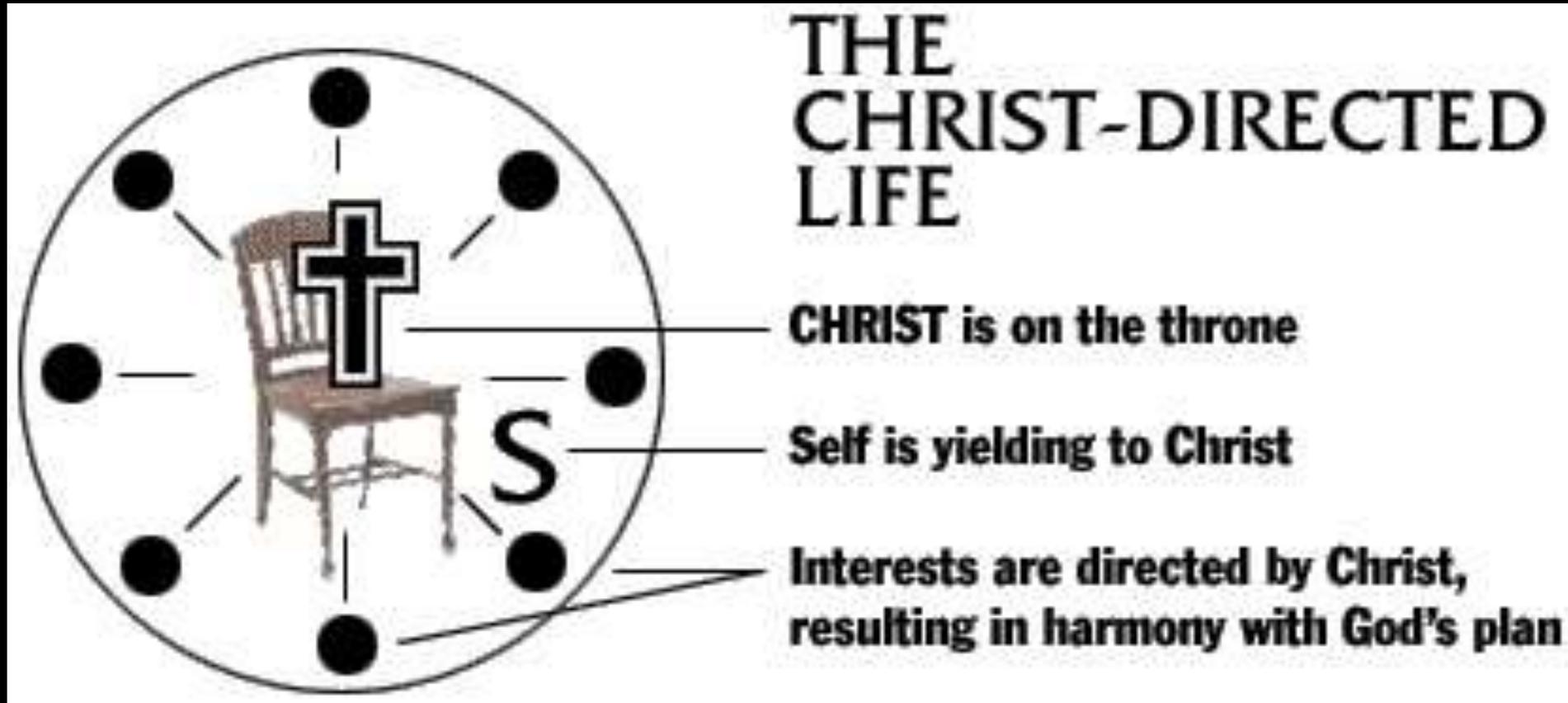
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- Bill Bright, founder of the college ministry Cru, wrote a booklet back in 60s – maybe earlier.
- Two illustrations still communicate.

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- When Christ rules, our desires and God's desires match.
- This is happened with David.
- As with David, the match might not be exact.
- It might be better.