

PROMISES

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GODS PROMISES

2 COR. 1:20: FOR ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN HIM ARE YEA,
AND IN HIM AMEN, UNTO THE GLORY OF GOD BY US.

2 COR. 7:1: HAVING THEREFORE THESE PROMISES DEARLY
BELOVED, LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL
FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS
IN THE FEAR OF GOD.

HEB 6:12: THAT YE BE NOT SLOTHFUL, BUT FOLLOWERS OF THEM
WHO THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISES.

2 PET. 1:4: WHEREBY ARE GIVEN UNTO US EXCEEDING GREAT
AND PRECIOUS PROMISES: THAT BY THESE YE MIGHT BE
PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED
THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORD THROUGH LUST.

HEB. 11:33: WHO THROUGH FAITH CONQUERED KINGDOMS,
ADMINISTERED JUSTICE AND GAINED WHAT WAS PROMISED -

ROM. 4:20,21: YET HE DID NOT WAVER THROUGH UNBELIEF
REGARDING THE PROMISE OF GOD, BUT WAS STRENGTHENED IN
HIS FAITH AND GAVE GLORY TO GOD, BEING FULLY PERSUADED
THAT GOD HAD POWER TO DO WHAT HE HAD PROMISED.

THE PROMISES OF GOD

DEFINITION OF PROMISE

- WEBSTER: 1. An assurance that one will or will not do something specified.
2. Something promised.
 3. A sign of what may be expected, esp. future development or success.

Synonym - covenant, guarantee, pledge, vow, word.

GOD'S "HOLY WORD" IS ALWAYS A
"HOLY PROMISE." Psalm 105.42

ALTHOUGH THE WORD "PROMISE" IS
USED MORE THAN 100 TIMES IN THE
BIBLE, THERE ARE OTHER TERMS
IMPLYING THE SAME THOUGHT.

IE, "THUS SAYS THE LORD."
"THE WORD OF THE LORD."

THE PROMISES OF GOD

THE BIBLE CONTAINS 31,173 VERSES

23,214 OT

7,959 NT

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After his 27th reading in a year and a half
came up with 7,487 promises by God to man
of a grand total of 8,810 promises.

- 1 by a man to an Angel
- 2 by an evil spirit to the Lord
- 2 by God the Father to God the Son
- 9 by Satan
- 21 by Angels
- 290 by man to God
- 991 by one man to another

- 7 not specified

LIVING THE PROMISES OF GOD

II Peter 1:3,4

2 Kinds of Promises

General 1 John 1:9 1 Cor 10:13

Specific Isaiah 49:6 Act 13:47

Example Gen. 12:1-3
Gal. 3:29 (LB)

Key — Know God

guidelines — Gifts
Conditional
His Timing

Steps —
Surrender
Separation
Spiritual Mindedness

— CALL TO OBEDIENCE —

— GLORY TO GOD!

WHEN SHOULD YOU HAVE A PROMISE FROM GOD?

SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS/THOUGHTS

- Having studied this matter and looked at a few examples from Scripture, when do you think a person needs to claim/lay hold of/or obey the condition of a promise from God?

- What does God want you to do about His promises according to Hebrews 6:12?

- What naturally follows after I claim a promise from God? (II Cor. 6:14-7:1) Note the condition, the promise, and the action to be taken in this passage.

- General promises such as I John 5:11,12, Rev 3:20, John 3:16, etc. are normally very helpful for the new Christian. How has God used these in your life?

- What promises has God given you for. . .
 - your personal life?

 - future?

 - being single?

 - marriage?

 - other areas?

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF LIVING BY GOD'S PROMISES?

SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS/THOUGHTS

- Look again at Acts 13:47, the promise Paul claimed from Isaiah 49:6. Of what benefit was this for Paul?

- Look at Abraham in perhaps the time of greatest need in his life.
 - What was the promise given to Abraham? Look at Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6; 17:1-17. Can you see both general and specific promises that God gave Abraham?

 - Note Abraham's age when the promise was given & when it was fulfilled.

 - What does this in-between time suggest to you?

- Study Genesis 22:1-19. What was God doing here? What enabled Abraham to obey God in a very difficult situation? Cross reference this with Hebrews 11:17-19.

CLAIMING GOD'S PROMISES	SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS/THOUGHTS
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- Don't go "yanking" Scripture from anywhere.
- Don't make up your mind what you are going to find before you look into the Scripture.
- Promises are not a cure-all. God is not your magic genie!
- Be convinced of God's ability to perform - not your ability to claim.
- Promises are based upon God's character. Num. 23:19, I Kings 8:56.
- Be willing & commit yourself to the conditions involved. "Every promise of God is a summons to action."
- Promises, though they be for a time seemingly delayed, cannot be finally frustrated...the heart of God is not turned though His face be hid; and prayers are not flung back, though they be not instantly answered.
--Timothy Cruso
- Three things are called precious in the Scripture: the blood of Christ is called "precious blood," 1 Peter 1:19; and faith is called "precious faith," 2 Peter 1:1; and the promises are called "precious promises," 2 Peter 1:4.
--Thomas Brooks
- It is better to be as low as hell with a promise, than in Paradise without one.
--Thomas Watson
- For the most part we live upon successes, not promises--unless we see and feel the print of victories, we will not believe. --John Owen

HINDRANCES TO CLAIMING PROMISES

P ride in not claiming
R eluctance in believing God
O versight - miss a requirement or truth
M ystical - or superstitious
I gnorance - of the Word
S lackness - in not meeting the condition
E vading - the actual truth

WORKSHOP ON CLAIMING PROMISES

1. What major promises has God given to you?
2. How does faith enter into our claiming promises?
How does a wife's faith enter in?
3. What part do promises play in the command of Jesus in The Great Commission?
Matthew 28.19,20
4. Trace God's promises to Abraham through Genesis. List principles in claiming promises and lessons learned from Abraham's life that are applicable to us.
5. What problems or questions do you have presently in claiming promises?
Those claimed by others?
6. Write your convictions on claiming God's promises.
7. Write a personal application on claiming promises that you will share with others.