

Thoughts on God's Promises

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I. Introduction.

- A. The promises of God are sure by us. (II Corinthians 1:19-20)
- B. We must ask ourselves what the greatest thing we are praying for is.
- C. Many Christians do not need great resources because they do not have great objectives. (Philippians 4:13)
- D. The only thing the Spirit requires is cooperation.
- E. Our lack of fruitfulness may have to do with the promises we are not claiming. (Isaiah 43:19)

II. We have boldness to enter into the holiest. (Hebrews 10:19; 4)

- A. God loves us not for what we are but for what we will be.
- B. God will consummate history in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1)
- C. The basis of our acceptance is the death of Jesus. (Hebrews 1, Romans 3:23-26)
- D. We should not put on a front—we have been covered in Christ. (II Corinthians 11:3)
- E. Christ is our advocate before God. (Hebrews 9:24)
- F. The church today is a demonstration of God's wisdom to powers and principalities. (Ephesians 3:10, Hebrews 12:1-2)

III. We must not lose sight of humility nor compare ourselves to others. (I Peter 5:5-6; II Chronicles 26:4-5, 16; II Corinthians 10:12)

IV. The basis of fruitfulness is prayer.

V. If one member suffers in sin, all suffer. (I Corinthians 12:26)

VI. Ask God to give you a promise.

Application questions:

1. What are some bold things you can ask God for in prayer that you may have hesitated to do before?

2. Why is it important to remember the basis we can enter God's presence?

3. How does prayer relate to God's promises? Explain.
