

# **The Promises of God**

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## I. Galatians 3:14-21

- A. God blesses both the Jews and the Gentiles. (Galatians 3:14)
- B. God made a promise to Abraham and his offspring. (Galatians 3:15-16)
- C. Abraham was a man of faith and Christians are people of faith.

## II. Romans 4:13

- A. Abraham received God's promises because Abraham believed and had faith, not because he followed God's laws.
- B. When we try to earn salvation by keeping God's laws, we earn His anger.
- C. The only way for humans not to break the laws is to not have any laws to break.

## III. Humans fail without Christ.

- A. On our own, we will fail. (Galatians 3)
- B. Flawed humans are unable to direct our steps successfully. (Jeremiah 10:23)
- C. The only hope for man is to bank on the promises of God.
- D. It is the Spirit of God that enables us to walk in the promises of God. (Zechariah 4:6)
- E. Without Christ, we can do nothing. (John 15:5)

## IV. Christ is the firm foundation of our lives.

- A. The only firm foundation for our lives is Jesus Christ. (Matthew 7:24-29)
- B. Unless our hopes are founded in the Word of God, they will not come to pass.

## V. God has made promises to mankind that we need to claim.

- A. As Christians, we have claimed the promise of eternal life. (I John 2:25)
- B. When people become Christians, they need assurance of their salvation, which comes through the promises of God.
- C. God has given over 7,000 promises to mankind.
- D. Many of these promises lie dormant because we do not trust God or claim His promises in our lives.

- E. We must know God in order to understand God's promises to us.
- F. There is no Biblical book that does not have God's promises to us.
- G. We get to know God through His Word.
- H. God will not remove His love and promises regardless of what we do. (Psalm 89:33-34)
- I. Our trust is in God's faithfulness to keep His promises, not our faithfulness to earn them.
- J. All of God's promises are available in Jesus Christ. (II Corinthians 1:20)
- K. Abraham was fully convinced that God could fulfill His promises. (Romans 4:20-21)
- L. Abraham judged God faithful to keep His promises. (Hebrews 11:11)

#### VI. Claiming the Promises of God.

- A. You don't take the promises of God, they are His to give to us.
- B. God guides us as we study His word.
- C. The way God often speaks to us is when we meditate on a passage of Scripture.
- D. God promises to be with us for He is our God. (Isaiah 41:10)
- E. As we seek God's promises in His word, we must carefully examine Scripture in its context and apply all of Scripture to the verse.
- F. We need to know the whole counsel of God concerning a matter. (Acts 20:27)
- G. Seek a mentor who is claiming God's promises in his or her life.
- H. Paul considered Isaiah 49:6 one of God's promises about his life and ministry, though the context suggests it is a Messianic passage.
- I. God promises to give us a prosperous life and future. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- J. The Navigators ministry was rooted in God's promises in Jeremiah 33:3, Isaiah 43:4-7, Isaiah 54:2-3, Isaiah 60:22.
- K. We should not get discouraged when God does not fulfill his promise immediately.
  - 1. God took fifty years to fulfill His promises to Abraham.
  - 2. David was anointed King of Israel as a young teen, but he had to flee for his life from King Saul.
- L. Don't put God on your timetable, but be confident in the Lord.

M. God delivers Paul and the ship from the storm just as God promised him. (Acts 27:25)

N. David asks God to do as He has promised. (II Samuel 7:25)

O. Moses calls the Israelites to take the land without fear because God has promised it to them. (Deuteronomy 1:21)

N. Not giving yourself to meet the conditions of God's promises will thwart them in your life:

1. All of God's promises are conditional. You have to give yourself and He will accomplish His promise. (Isaiah 43:4)

2. The Israelites did not get to the promised land because of their lack of faith.

(Hebrews 3:19)

O. God gives bold promises to His people. (Isaiah 45:19)

P. Promises of God give strength to us in the spiritual battle we are involved in. (Psalm 119:50)