

## **LIVING BY GOD'S PROMISES. JEREMIAH 29:8-14/JOSHUA 1:1-10**

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**A brokenhearted young lady will often say,** "But he promised to marry me". And the answer comes back: "Yes, but I changed my mind". People do change their mind, and they do break their promises.

**What about the promises of God? How certain are they?** The Apostle Paul, in writing about the promises of God to Abraham, addressed the church at Rome with these words: "For the promise that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham or his seed through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith . . . therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed" (Romans 4:13, 16). God's promise to Abraham was first spelled out in Genesis Chapter 12. It was repeated in Chapter 22. Verse 18 reads: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice".

**Now a promise is of no more value than is the ability of the one who makes it to carry through.** It also includes willingness to do so. God did carry through with Abraham. Paul points out in Galatians 3:16, that it was through Christ God intended to fulfill the promise to Abraham. Also in Acts 13:32-33, the Apostle says: "And we declare unto you glad tidings how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again."

**The contour of Jesus' life, while living on earth, was shaped by his trust in the power of the promises of God.** When Jesus said: "I am that bread of life", John 6:48, "I am the light of the world", John 8:12, "I am

the resurrection and the life." John 11:25, He did so fully realizing that He had been empowered with this right by the Father who had promised to raise Him from the grave. There were more than 500 brethren at one time who bore witness to the fulfillment of this promise according to I Corinthians 15:1-6.

## **TYPES OF PROMISES**

### **I. Absolute promises**

Declares what the Lord determines for accomplish without any reference to what we do e.g. Virgin birth and God sent his son.

**Isaiah 7:14, Flood Gen 6:13**

### **II. Conditioned promise:**

God in his wisdom seems to be best for his own glory and his children's good.eg subject to his glory and our good temporal blessings (Lazarus), Job e.g. who believes shall be saved.( Conditional axed)

### **III. Direct promise:**

Made to individuals e.g. Paul. Acts 27:212-25, James 5:11; David Psalms 22:4-5either to this life or after.

### **IV. Indirect principle promises**

Temporal by- e.g. Deliverance for affliction safety in danger health and wealth. Isa 38:5.

V. **Principle promises** are spiritual of Rom 4:5 greatest covenant eg. Righteousness confess of sin. 1 John 1:9

VI. **General promises.**

General declaration of good that God offers to all .No limit on whom may receive or believe such promise .Joel 2:32; 2:28; John 6:44-45; John 3:16. Nub .25:12 to zealous phessed his descendants.

VII. **Legal and Evangelical promises**

Show importance of faith of those who do the praise of God might be in Christ .For those Christ came to save .2 Peter 1:4.

Evangelical promises are conditional John 3:36, 2 Cor 7:10. Promises give to the worker. E.g. Crowns.

## **THE 7 PROMISES OF GOD TO MAN**

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### **What can be said about God's promises to us?**

1. **HE HAS PROMISED TO SUPPLY EVERY NEED WE HAVE.** The Bible says: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus". That's Phillipians 4:19. Now notice, God has obligated Himself only to the extent of our needs. That would include food, clothing, shelter, companionship, love, and salvation thru Jesus Christ. It would not

include the multiplicity of luxuries that we have come to think of as needs.

2. **GOD HAS PROMISED THAT HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR US.** (II Corinthians 12:9). in fact, He has made provision for our salvation by His grace through faith. Read Ephesians 2:8. It is through an obedient faith that we have access into the grace of God according to Romans 5:2.
3. **GOD HAS PROMISED THAT HIS CHILDREN WILL NOT BE OVERTAKEN WITH TEMPTATION.** Instead, He assures us that a way of escape will be provided. This promise is recorded in I Corinthians 10:13. Jude wrote: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present your faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude v 24). Darius, King of the Medes, said to Daniel, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee" (Daniel 6:16). He did deliver Daniel from the den of lions.
4. **GOD HAS PROMISED US VICTORY OVER DEATH. HE FIRST RESURRECTED JESUS BY WAY OF ASSURING OUR RESURRECTION.** Peter said: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses" (Acts 2:32). Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3,4). Later on he adds: "but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57).
5. **GOD HAS PROMISED THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE AND SERVE HIM FAITHFULLY (ROMANS 8:28).** It may be difficult for us to see and understand how this is accomplished at times, but God has promised it, and He will deliver.
6. **GOD HAS PROMISED THAT THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS AND ARE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS WILL BE SAVED.** (Read Mark 16:16 and Acts 2:38).

**7. GOD HAS PROMISED HIS PEOPLE ETERNAL LIFE (JOHN 10:27,28).** In closing, let me appeal to you to live so that the promises of God will be yours.

Dangers

Joshua 1:1-9

**1. The danger of looking back. Joshua 1:12.**

- Moses mentioned fifty seven (57) times in the book of Joshua .It is very easy to look at what God has done in the past and think .I don't think I can move forward.
- Lots wife looked back and turned into a rock of salt. Jesus refers to it peneber Lots wife, Luke **17:32**.
- God is a moving God .He is always moving .He is always doing more. He is moving forward into the future, God gave us a promise to follow.

**2. The danger of standing still .Joshua 1:3 fulfilling the promise of God demands that we walk by faith .Habakkuk2:3-4. God wants us to keep moving with him with Peter in the boat water .He had a promise work.**

- Peter stepped out until disciples started complaining about wares and Peter stood still and started sinking.
- God told the Israelites about the Red Sea "Go forward, Exodus 14:15 and the water if Red sea parted .Keep moving and doing what God asks.
- God said you have been on this mountain for took along .Break the comp and go forward.

**3. The danger of giving up. Joshua 1:5**

- Joshua had 31 kings waiting for him as he entered the Promised Land. Had many challenges ahead of him. He never gave up because God promised that I will not leave you Joshua 1:5 never give up. You are God said this to Jacob, Gen 28:15; 46:2-3 unstoppable I will be with you always.
- 4. The danger of falling short (1:6) .Be strong and good courage came your inheritance**

### **Three (3) Spiritual geographical positions**

- I. **Egypt:** The world system that keeps us in bondage.
- II. **Canaan:** The clan of inheritance for the people.
- III. **Wilderness:** The inability to believe God from Israel.

**It** is as God has said but.....they never denied the promise but didn't believe they could claim.

5. The danger of taking over 1:17. Don't turn to the right or left .Keep the law. God says you are working for me I will give you the words , I will give you the things to do
- Don't think you can do it better than God. **Pride** .Pride will get us into trouble and spend time with God in his word
  - Doing God's prayer demands we to start the day with God's word.

- i. Use God's promises in times of Affliction
- ii. Use God's promises in times of temptation and sin.
- iii. Use God's promises in times of fighting sin

- iv. Use God's promises for pursuing righteousness
- v. Use God's promises for prayers and intercession
- vi. Use God's promises in healing and deliverance.

### JOSHUA'S PRINCIPLES AS A PROMISE WALKER

1. **A man of humility.** Ex.24:13,33:11.For 40 years he seemed under Moses' assistance.
2. Principle of female. He liking to serve Joshua 3:7,4:4. Magnify God Joshua 5:13-15 serve greater.
3. **A man of faith** :- God spy the land Number13:25-28, Report .Nu m 14:6-9;Heb 11:30.Hero of faith Jericho Josh 6:1-5, Heb 11:30
4. **A man of God's word.** Fulfilled the law .Jos 1:7meditated law Josh 1:8;josh 1:12-15 revenge others.; Josh 8:30-35 revenge the covenant; Josh 11:15- Devotion; Josh 23:6-16
5. **A man of prayer.** Josh 10:9-14- cases sun and moon to stand.
6. **A man who put God first** .Before business at hand .Josh 8:30-35; Duet 27-27-28; Josh 9:1-2; before others; Josh 24:14-15;24:16.
7. Leaders are first servants. Exodus 24:12-13.
8. Leaders are faithful.Exodus.32:17
9. Leaders are humble .Exodus 11:24-30
10. Leaders are confident Numbers 13:25
11. Leaders are spirit led.

### What we learn from Joshua

- A military leader .Exodus 17,Joshua 6:17-7 Number 13
- Faithfulness – considered people 3:5,24:15
- Mentored by Moses

- Faith and Obedience. Numbers 14:6-10
- Filled in the spirit. Numbers 27:18-23
- Strength and Courage. 1:6-9.
- Priority of God's word. 1:8
- Encouragement motivation to motivate carry others 18:1-10
- Learning a legacy worth remembering .Joshua 24. Joshua referred to as a man of God 2:7-9. Died at 110yrs.