

1. THE PROMISE BOOK

Promises - Week 8

1 Peter 2:3-5a “By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to **know** him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴And because of his glory and excellence, he has **given us great and precious promises**. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires. ⁵ In view of all this, **make every effort to respond to God’s promises**.”

I. I need to know God’s Promises.

1 Chronicles 17:19 “For the sake of your servant, O Lord, and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have made them **known**.”

Ephesians 2:12 “In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.”

A. God’s Promises are revealed.

1. By the Living Word - His Son

2 Corinthians 1:20 “For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for his glory.”

Hebrews 1:2 “And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe.”

2. By the written Word - The Bible

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers and the flowers fade, but **the word of our God stands forever**.”

Hebrews 4:12a “For the word of God is alive and powerful.

Isaiah 55: 10-11 “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹ It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. **It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it**.”

B. God’s promises are reliable

Joshua 21:45 “Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.”

See Joshua 23:14, Psalm 89:34, Psalm 146:5-6

Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for **God can be trusted to keep his promise**.”

C. God’s promises are relatable

Eternal life and heaven	Holy Spirit	Forgiveness
Money/finances	Our needs	Healing
Wisdom/guidance	Direction	Marriage
Children and family	Peace	Protection
Overcoming temptation	Fear	Our destiny
Resurrection	End of suffering	

II. I need to pursue His promises.

Psalm 119:140 “Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much.”

Psalm 119:148 “I stay awake through the night, thinking about your promise.”

A. God promises me Salvation. “I will bring you out.”

(Titus 3:5-8 (MSG) “It wasn’t so long ago that we ourselves were stupid and stubborn, dupes of sin, ordered every which way by our glands, going around with a chip on our shoulder, hated and hating back. But when God, our kind and loving Savior God, stepped in, he saved us from all that. It was all his doing; we had nothing to do with it. He gave us a good bath,

and we came out of it new people, washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit. Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously. God's gift has restored our relationship with him and given us back our lives. And there's more life to come—an eternity of life! You can count on this.”

2. God promises me Deliverance. “I will free you.”

(Romans 8:1-2) “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”

3. God promises me Restoration. “I will redeem you.”

(Ephesians 1:11-12 MSG) It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

4. God promises me Fulfillment. “I take you as my people.”

(John 10:10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

III. I need to live in view of His promises.

2 Peter 1:5a, 8 “In view of all this, make every effort to **respond to God's promises**.⁸The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 7:1 “Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us **cleanse ourselves** from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.”

Hebrews 6:12,18 “Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will **follow the example** of those who are going to **inherit God's promises** because of their faith and endurance. ¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.”

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