

# HOPE - PICTURING THE PROMISES OF GOD

**Intro** All the potential we need in this life to be happy, successful, and blessed is all tied up in God's promises. God's promises cover all that we need for both natural and spiritual life.

## I. Every Promise Is Connected to a Blood Covenant.

- A. Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 13:14-17; Genesis 15:4,5 God's promise.
- B. Genesis 15:9-18; Genesis 26:3 God's oath / blood covenant.
- C. Hebrews 6:13-20 Two unchangeable things
  - 1. Genesis 15:4, 5 God's promise.
  - 2. Genesis 15:9-18 God's oath.
- D. Ephesians 2:12 Without Christ, without God means no covenant and no hope.
  - 1. There was a time we were without Christ, aliens, and strangers from the covenants of promise.
  - 2. Now we are no longer outsiders or strangers - we are in Christ; we are family -we have a covenant; we have hope.
    - a. When we stand on a promise - we do not often connect it to the covenant.
      - (1) A promise is really a covenant promise or to promise by covenant (cutting of blood).
      - (2) Backing every promise is a blood covenant.
      - (3) Covenant gives strong confidence.
      - (4) Receiving from God is receiving from the covenant.

## II. What Can We Hope to Have in Life?

- A. Galatians 3:16, 29 We can hope to have all that is promised to Abraham's seed.
- B. 2 Peter 1:3, 4 We can hope to have all that pertains to life and godliness.
- C. 1 Timothy 4:8 We can hope to have all that is promised for the life that now is and the life which is to come.
- D. Romans 4:13 We can hope to have the promise of being an heir of the world.
- E. Hebrews 9:15 We can have the hope of the promise of eternal inheritance.
- F. Hebrews 8:6 We can have the hope of a better covenant established on better promises.
- G. 2 Corinthians 1:20 We can have the hope of God's yes and amen over all His promises.

## III. God Has Always Worked With Pictures (Hope) To Help Man

- A. Gen. 13:14-17 When He appeared to Abraham
  - 1. You can receive as much as you can see
- B. Gen. 15:5 - tell the stars
- C. Gen. 22:17,18

## IV. The Promise Has Hope In It Which Is An Inner, Unseen, And Future Picture

- A. If You See the Invisible, You Can Do the Impossible.
  - 1. Genesis 6:13 Until you see the invisible, you will never do the impossible.
  - 2. Hebrews 11:7 Noah built an ark all on the basis of the words God spoke and things not (physically) seen as yet.
- B. If You See the Invisible, You Can Go as Far as You Can See.
  - 1. Genesis 13:14-17.
  - 2. Genesis 15:5,6.
  - 3. Genesis 22:17.

4. Romans 4:13-32.
- C. If You See the Invisible, You Can Endure and Outlast the Problems.
  1. Hebrews 11:23-29 He endured as seeing him who is invisible.
  2. Numbers 13:23-27 Moses did not see the land , but Joshua did and brought the people in to inherit it.
- D. If You See the Invisible, You Cannot be Stopped by Opposition.
  1. 2 Corinthians 5:7 We walk by faith and not by sight (natural sight).
  2. 2 Corinthians 11:21-28; 12:7-10.
- E. If You See the Invisible, You Can Have it.
  1. Genesis 30:38,39 Sheep reproduce what they can see. If you can see it, you can have it.
  2. If you can see it in the Word, you can conceive it and then reproduce.
- F. 1 Corinthians 2:9,10 Quit looking outside for things and look into or inside.

## V. Unlock The Precious Promises

- A. Facts versus Promises of Grace
  1. Facts – past tense; already accomplished
  2. Promises – future tense; it is potential
- B. Promises cover all we need for natural and spiritual life
  1. What we need is already provided
  2. We have to unlock the stored provision
  3. There's keys we must use
- C. Knowledge is the key
  1. Knowledge revealed Matthew 16: 17-19
    - a. It is spiritual knowledge 1 Corinthians 2: 9,10
    - b. This knowledge revealed creates a picture you can see Ephesians 1:17,18
  2. Knowledge acted upon Matthew 7: 24-27
    - a. Some don't know
    - b. Some know but don't act
    - c. Some know and act
- D. People who know (picture it or have hope) are in a class all by themselves
  1. Hosea 4: 6 Destroyed for lack of knowledge
  2. 2 Peter 1: 2,3 Grace and peace multiplied through knowledge
  3. Proverb 11:9 Through knowledge the just are delivered
  4. Isaiah 33:6 Knowledge will be the stability of our times and strength of salvation
  5. Proverb 24:5 A man of knowledge increases strength
  6. John 8: 31,32 Knowledge of the truth sets you free
  7. Proverb 24:4 Knowledge fills our house with all precious and pleasant riches
  8. Dan. 11:32 People who know God shall be strong and do exploits
  9. Col. 1:10,11 Knowledge shows us God's will and spiritual understanding
  10. 1 Cor. 2; 9,10 Knowledge of the things freely given to us
  11. Col. 3:10 Put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge
  12. 2 Peter 1:10 Knowledge added will keep you from falling
  13. Hab. 2:14 Knowledge of the glory of the Lord is to cover the earth
  14. Pr. 8: 12 Knowledge of witty inventions
  15. 1 Peter 3:7 Dwell with your wife according to knowledge
  16. 1 Cor. 12:1 Knowledge of spiritual gifts
  17. 2 Cor. 10: 5 Cast down things against the knowledge of God
  18. Hosea 6:6 God desires knowledge above sacrifice
  19. Malachi 2:7 Priests lips should keep knowledge