

HOPE FROM THE PROMISES

INTRO

All the potential we need in this life to be happy, successful, and blessed is all tied up in God's promises. Of course, receiving the promised Savior is the starting point. God's promises cover all that we need for both natural and spiritual life.

I. Promises of the Covenant.

- A. Ephesians 2:12 - Without Christ, without God, no covenant, no hope. We were strangers...
- B. When we stand on a promise we often do not connect it to the covenant.
 - 1. A promise is a promise by covenant – a blood covenant; a blood oath.
 - 2. Backing every promise is a blood covenant.
 - 3. A covenant gives strong confidence. God's Word is good Numbers 23:19.
 - 4. Receiving from God is receiving from the covenant.

II. Promises Mean Potential.

- A. Facts vs. Promises.
 - 1. Facts - Past tense; already accomplished.
 - 2. Promise - Future tense; it is potential.
- B. Potential - something that can, but has not yet come into being; expressing capability and possibility; stands a chance of happening; it is conceivable; attainable; accessible; available.
 - 1. Existing in possibility but not in actuality.
 - 2. Missing but can materialize.
 - 3. Nonexistent but can exist.
 - 4. Capable but not currently so.
 - 5. What is not but what may be.
 - 6. Not a fact but feasible.
- C. We have a covenant. We have promises. We can hope to have:
 - 1. Galatians 3:16, 29 all that is promised to Abraham's seed.
 - 2. 2 Peter 1:3, 4 all that pertains to life and godliness.
 - 3. 1 Timothy 4:8 all that is promised for the life now and life to come.
 - 4. Romans 4:13 the promise of being an heir of the world.
 - 5. Hebrews 9:15 the promise of eternal inheritance.
 - 6. Hebrews 8:6 a better covenant established on better promises.
 - 7. 2 Corinthians 1:20 God's yes and amen over all His promises.

III. Promises Need to be Pictured to Possess Them.

- A. Hebrews 6:18 We have to lay hold upon the hope set before us in a promise.
- B. God has always used pictures to help man believe Genesis 13:14-17; 15:5, 6; 22:17, 18.
- C. The picture needs to be inside you. It cannot be inside someone else.
- D. Take time to develop that picture or you will probably live without what is promised.
- E. Picture the promise. See it inside first then you will see it outside.

IV. Promises Need Held Fast To.

- A. Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold fast the profession of our hope, expectation.
- B. Romans 4:18 - Called those things, which be not as though they were.
- C. Hebrews 6:15 - Obtain the promise (obtain - to attain or secure).
- D. From promise to fact, we need patience. Abraham had to patiently endure, before he obtained the promise manifested. We hold fast patiently professing the promise.