

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1287: What Does God Promise Us As Christians?

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See:  CQ.Rewind
SHOW NOTES

1. What is a promise? What can we specifically say about promises from God? (2 Peter 1:4, 3:13)
2. What is the Abrahamic Promise? (See Genesis 22:15-18, Hebrews 6:13-15, 11:11, Galatians 3:16-8)
 - a) Why did the fulfillment of this promise seem impossible? How did the pathway to its fulfillment begin?
 - b) Explain the two pathways God set up to fulfill this promise. What is its objective?
3. The night before his crucifixion, what two promises did Jesus make to his followers? How do we know these are promises from God? The promises of the New Testament are directed to whom? (John 14:1-3, 15-17, Acts 1:3-5)
4. How do we know we are not appropriating promises to ourselves that were made only to those in the Old Testament? Who are the "sand of the seashore" people of the Old Testament who God dealt with? What are two applications of the "stars of heaven"? (See Galatians 3:29)
5. What do "God's promises promise"?
 - a) **Peace** - Philippians 4:7, How do we live in the peace of God? What are the four conditions in Philippians 4:4-7? What do we have to do, what is our responsibility to claim the promise of peace? Thoroughly dissect the following scriptures: Colossians 3:14-16, Isaiah 26:3-4, Psalm 29:11.
 - b) **Strength and Deliverance** - 1 Corinthians 10:13, What were the failures of the Israelites after their delivery from slavery in Egypt? Compare and contrast a "way of escape" and a "way to endure." What is our way of escape from a difficult trial? How do we prepare to endure trouble? In what way should we think about these trials? (See 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Romans 8:15-18, Ephesians 6:10-13)
 - c) **Belonging** - John 17:22-24, What is the "catch" to being unified with the Father and Jesus? How should we expect our lives to flow? Do you understand what is being promised in these scriptures? Explain these promises: John 17:22-24, 1 Corinthians 3:21, 23, 2 Corinthians 6:18.
 - d) **Protection and Instruction** - Psalms 91:1-2, How do we claim His protection? How does He teach us? Why does He watch us? (See Psalm 21:8)
 - e) **Deliverance from Evil** - Psalms 91:3-4, How does the picture of tucking yourself under the sheltering wings of the Almighty move and comfort you? What about the picture of the angel of the Lord encamped *around* you? What do we have to do to claim these beautiful promises of deliverance? (See Psalm 34:7)
 - f) **Courage** - Psalms 91:5-10, How does this promise assert that evil, plague, terror will be eliminated from our lives? What exactly does it promise? What is our end of this promise? (See 2 Corinthians 4:7-10)
 - g) **Assurance** - Psalms 91:11-13, We are assured that all will "work together for good," but under what conditions? Have you been "*called according to His purpose*?" Have you answered that call? What have you given up to do God's will? (See Romans 8:28, 35)
 - h) **Hope and Reward** - Psalms 91:14-16, What can "separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus?" What keeps us from being separated from the love of Christ? What do the promises do for those who love God? What are the rewards? How do you know God will keep His promises? (See Romans 8:38-39, Hebrews 10:35-36)