

All God's Promises Are "Yes" and "Amen"

II Corinthians 1:20

- I. **All God's promises concerning His children are "Yes" (indeed, certainly) and "Amen" (most assuredly, firm) in Christ.**
 - A. The most important promise of all is eternal life (Romans 6:23).
 - B. And this gift of God is apprehended by faith (Ephesians 2:8-10).
 - C. "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" (Ephesians 2:10). We do these works through faith in God's promises (Matthew 10:7-8).

- II. **The promises of God are for your life right now and for eternity.**
 - A. The Bible is "God-breathed" (II Timothy 3:16-17) and useful for apprehending every good thing important for this life and the life to come.
 - B. Great promises in Isaiah 54:10-17, Psalm 103:1-13. and Romans 8:31-39.

- III. **God's promises are apprehended through faith journeys. "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6).**
 - A. We find in Hebrews 11 a great cloud of witnesses and heroes who built their lives on believing God's promises are "Yes" and "Amen!"
 - B. Through Abraham's example and others, we get a feel for what this lifestyle is like (Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19).
 1. We don't throw away our confidence. We don't shrink back. We persevere in what the Scriptures reveal as the will of God for us (Hebrews 10:35-39).
 2. We earnestly seek God in prayer and do what He says (Hebrews 11:6).
 3. God even has answers for whole cities and nations in times of great trial (Jeremiah 29:7; II Chronicles 7:11-16).

- IV. **The parable of the sower teaches us how to inherit God's wonderful promises. It explains the strategy of Satan and the world around us to steal, kill, and destroy every good seed (promise) of God (Luke 8:4-15).**
 - A. The seed sown along the path (Luke 8:11-12). God gives a promise to you; but it takes no root in your heart, because it is stolen by Satan.
 - B. The seed sown along rocky ground (Luke 8:13). The good seed is suddenly challenged by the distraction of severe problems and testing.
 - C. The seed that fell among the thorns represents problems choked by the worries and busyness of everyday life (Luke 8:14).
 - D. Retaining God's words and inheriting promises (Luke 8:15)
 1. Continually pray promises of Scripture and give thanks for the slightest bit of progress (Luke 18:1-8; Philippians 4:4-7).
 2. Sow seeds in someone else's life and expect a return in your life (Luke 6:38).

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