**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment II – *“Enjoying the Privileges”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #20 “God’s Empowering Promises”**

**Reading the Bible in A Year**

**Progress Reports**

**Segment II Concepts:**

* Concept 18 – God’s Precious Promises
* Concept 19 - God’s Empowering Promises
* **Concept 20 – God’s Primary Promises**

**Discussion Questions**

* How do promises benefit us?
* How do promises benefit relationships?
* Why would you make a promise to someone?
* How should you regard other’s promises?

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| **God’s Work** | **Our Benefits** |
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| Through the Righteousness of God | Precious F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Through the Knowledge God | G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Through His Divine Power | All Things N\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Life + Godliness |
| Through His Own Glory and Excellence | Precious + M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Promises |
| Through His Promises | E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the World – P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Genuine Spirituality |

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**Promise Passages**

* “Now as many as may be the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, in H\_\_\_\_ they are y\_\_\_\_; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God.” II Corinthians 7:20
* J\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:
  + the fulfillment of the u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promise;
  + f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point of all promises
  + all promises c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around Him and flow from Him

**Promise Passages**

* ”And we desire that each one of you show the same d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so as to realize the f\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of h\_\_\_\_\_\_ until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the promises.For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, **“I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you.”** And so, having patiently waited, he o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the promise. For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute. In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the h\_\_\_\_\_\_ set before us. This hope we have as an a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the s\_\_\_\_\_\_, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Heb 6:11-20
* *“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the scriptures we might have hope.”* Romans 15:4
* *“For you have need of e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so that when you have done the will of God, you may r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what was promised.” Heb 10:36*
* *“All these died in faith, w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ receiving the promises…”Heb 11:13*
* “And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed *acts of* righteousness, o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.” Hebrews 11:32-34

**Promise Passages – Key Words**

* Diligence – root word for s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – hasty movement, e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ progress, zeal
* Sluggishness – dull, slow, slothful, one in a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Faith – c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belief
* Inherit – possess, have a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to
* Receive – e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or take up for oneself, c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Patience – *macrothumia* - longsuffering, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Endurance – *upomone* - to r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under, hang in there
* Obtain – *epitunchano* - arrive at or ‘l\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_\_\_’
* Hope – expectation of future g\_\_\_\_\_\_ or desirable o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Promise Passages – Summary**

* *In order to remain diligent and enthusiastic in your spiritual journey, and to avoid becoming sluggish in your zeal for the things of God, through confident and expectant faith, lay claim to the promises of God that you have inherited. Eventually, through longsuffering and persevering with positive anticipation, you will obtain His promises by arriving at that desirable destination prepared by God for you.*

**Purpose of the Promises**

* “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from all d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of flesh and spirit....” II Cor 7:1
* Having –(p.a.part.)-points to c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Cleanse – (aor subj act) – purify, remove s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Defilement – moluno – to besmear, stain, pollute - to put m\_\_\_\_ or d\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a clean garment
* Flesh and spirit – *sarkos & pneumatos* – o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man
* “…..p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holiness in the fear of God.”II Cor 7:1
* Perfecting – (pres act part) – bring to the end, to reach the intended g\_\_\_\_\_\_, complete
* Holiness – spiritual p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Fear – r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Of God – the Lord
* *He has granted us His precious promises in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the corruption that is in the world through*. II Peter 1:4

**Faithful Response**

* “…yet with respect to the promise of God, he did not w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but grew s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in faith, giving glory to God…”, Rom 4:20
* Waver – *diakrino* – a.i. pass - be undecided between two o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ viewpoints, to h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between, vacillate
* In unbelief – d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, opposite of faith
* Strengthened – *endunamo* – a.i.pass. – e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* In faith – confident, trustful belief
* Giving – a.a.part. – to give, render
* Glory to God – h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to God
* “…and being f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that what He had promised, He was a\_\_\_\_\_\_ to p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Rom 4:21
* Fully assured – a.p.part. – be completely c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to be filled completely (with faith – unmixed with any doubt)
* Able – *dunatos* - empowered with c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Perform – *poieo* – to do, make something happen, g\_\_\_\_ it d\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Role of God’s Promises**

* P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the glory of God – d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His compassion, His faithfulness, and His power
* R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us from worldly corruption
* O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ doubt
* M\_\_\_\_ out the will of God
* I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our faith
* S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our hearts
* E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us toward godliness

**Concept 19**

* The promises of God are stepping stones to stronger faith, vibrant hope, encouragement to persevere, hopeful endurance, and proven character which empowers us to overcome worldly influence to the glory of God.

**Discussion Question:**

* What are the greatest challenges/trials you are currently facing:

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**Next Week: Concept 21 – “God’s Primary Promises”**