**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment II – *“Enjoying the Privileges”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #22 “God’s Temporal Promises”**

**Reading the Bible in A Year** - **Progress Reports**

**Segment II Concepts:**

* Concept 19 – God’s Precious Promises
* Concept 20 – God’s Empowering Promises
* Concept 21 – God’s Primary Promises
* **Concept 22 – God’s Temporal Promises**

**Opening Questions:**

* What are three areas of personal concern for which you need to claim a promise of God? (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What experiences have you had claiming the promises of God?

**The Purpose of the Promises**

* *“For through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that through them you may become p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the divine nature, having e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the corruption that is in the world by lust.”* I Pet 1:4
* *“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from all d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of flesh and spirit p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holiness in the fear of God.”* II Cor 7:1

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(daily needs)

(security & life)

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(Jesus)

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**The Greatest Promise - Redeemer** – ***Immanuel*** *“For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes.”* 2 Corinthians 1:20

**Primary Promise #1** **Loving Presence – “God with us”**  “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5b **Primary Promise #2** **Eternal Life – “*In Him is Life*”**  *“And this is the promise which He himself promised us; eternal life.”* I John 2:25

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**Temporal Promise #1 Abundant Life – “I am the Life”** *“I came that they might have life, and have it in abundance.”* John 10:10

* Abundant life means f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life, or “b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.”
* *“Blessed is the man who t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in You.”* Psalm 34:8

**Temporal Promise #2 -** **Protection** – **“*A Strong Tower*”** *“The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runs into and is safe.”* Proverbs 18:10

* *“He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, trusting in the Lord.”* Psalm 112:7
* *“He who h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto me shall dwell safely and shall be q\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the fear of evil.”* Proverbs 1:33
* *“The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Psalm 27:1

**Temporal Promise #3 - Provision** – ***“I am the Bread of Life.”*** *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you.”* Matt 6:33

* *“The righteous will eat to the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their soul but the stomach of the wicked is in want.”* Proverbs 13:25
* *“Behold the birds of the air; for they neither sow nor reap, nor gather into barns yet your Heavenly father f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them. Are you not worth much more than they?”* Matt 6:26
* *And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”* Phil 4:19

**Temporal Promise #4 - Confident Expectation – “P*rospect of Good”***  *“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God and who are called according to His purpose.”* Romans 8:28

* *“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for g\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to bring about the* present result, to preserve many people alive.” Gen 50:10
* *“The Lord will accomplish what c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me.”* Psalm 138:8
* *“And we know that God causes a\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work together for good for those who love God and who are called according to His purpose.”* Rom 8:28
* *“…Who works a\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after the counsel of His will.”* Eph 1:11
* *“In a\_\_\_\_ things give thanks, for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.”* I Thessalonians 5:18

**Temporal Promise #5 - Guidance** – ***“Straight Paths”***  *“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”Proverbs 3:5 6*

* *“Who is the man who fears the Lord, He will i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him in the way he should choose .”* Psalm 25:12
* *“The Lord is our God forever and ever, He will be our g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even unto death.”* Psalm 48:14
* *“The mind of a man plans His way, but the Lord d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His steps.”* Prov 16:9
* *“And your ears will hear a word behind you, “this is the w\_\_\_\_, w\_\_\_\_\_\_ in it…”* Isaiah 30:20

**Temporal Promise #6 - Wisdom – *“Divine Perspective”*** *“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men generously and without reproach and it will be given him .” James 1:5*

* “The Lord gives to a man who is good in His sight w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, knowledge, and j\_\_\_\_…” Eccles 2:26
* *“For the Lord g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wisdom: out of His mouth c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ knowledge and understanding. He l\_\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_ and wisdom for the righteous.”* Prov 2:6,7

**Temporal Promise #7 - Forgiveness** – ***“No condemnation”***  *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* I John 1:9

* *“If Thou, O Lord, should m\_\_\_\_\_\_ iniquities; O Lord, who could stand? But there is* forgiveness with thee...” Psalm 130:3,4
* *“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our transgressions.”* Psalm 103:12

**Temporal Promise #8 - Fruitfulness** – ***“Eternal Impact”*** *“By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”* John 15:8

* *“And He will be like a tree by streams of water which y\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its season. It’s leaf does not wither.”* Psalm 1:3
* *“For if these things are in you and abound, they will render you neither u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* II Pet 1:8

**Temporal Promise #9 - Health** – ***“Wholesomeness”*** *“Do not be wise is your own eyes, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.”* Proverbs 3:7,8

* *“Who pardons our iniquities and heals all of our d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “* Psalm 103:3
* *“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and be in good h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, just as your soul prospers.”* III John 2

**Temporal Promise #10 - Long Life** – ***“Length of Days”***

*“With long life I will satisfy him...”* Psalm 91:16

*“The fear of the lord p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days.” Prov 10:27*

*“By me the days of your life shall be m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the years of your life shall be increased.” Prov 9:11*

**Temporal Promise #11 -** **Maturity in Christ – *“Finish Well”***

*“He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Phil 1:6

* *“For whom he foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His Son…”* Rom 8:29
* *“…until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.”* Eph 4:13
* *“For our citizenship in is heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the body of our humble state into c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the body of His glory.”* Phil 3:20,21

**Temporal Promise #12 -** **Second Coming** – ***“Blessed Hope”***

*“Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.”* Titus 2:13

*“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will c\_\_\_\_\_\_ in just the* s\_\_\_\_\_\_ *w\_\_\_\_ as you have watched him go into heaven.”* Acts 1:11

* *“When Christ who is our life, will a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then shall you also appear with Him in g\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Col 3:4

**Summary of Temporal Promises**

* *Life Abundant – “I am the Life”*
* *Protection – “Strong Tower”*
* *Provision – “These things being added to you”*
* *Confident Expectation – “Prospect of good”*
* *Guidance – “Straight Paths”*
* *Wisdom – “Divine Perspective”*
* *Forgiveness – “No Condemnation”*
* *Fruitfulness – “Eternal Impact”*
* *Health – “Wholesomeness”*
* *Long Life – “Length of Days”*
* *Maturity In Christ – “Finish Well”*
* *Second Coming – “Blessed Hope”*

**God’s Trustworthiness“**

* *He is faithful who p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* Hebrews 10:23
* *“I have spoken it and I will also b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”* Isaiah 46:11
* *“And you know in all of your hearts and in all of your souls that not one of all that the good words which the Lord your God spoke concerning you has f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; all has been f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you, not one of them has failed.”* Joshua 23:14
* *“If we are faithless, he is faithful, for he cannot d\_\_\_\_\_\_ Himself.”* II Tim 2:13
* *“Being full p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that what He had promised, He was able to perform.”* Rom 4:21

**Promises of God - Parameters**

* There is no exact word equivalent for the word ‘promise’ in the bible. Rather the word translated ‘promise’ means more generally, p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When these pronouncements or declarations include something promised, it is then translated as a promise.
* Note the distinction between c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and u\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promises.
* Look for t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than single verses.
* Let the scripture i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the scripture - stay within the overall scriptural context.
* Note the d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between promise, principle, proverb, and prophecy.
* Promises must be balanced with the m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of e\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world. When evil happens to us, we can always fall back on Rom 8:28 – all things working t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for good.
* When the temporal promises seem to fail, we gain a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the ultimate promise and the primary eternal promises. We need a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perspective.
* The promises are intended to e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our spiritual growth process by strengthening our faith, enliven our hope, and to unburden us to grow in love.

**Conclusion - Allegory of the Promise in Pilgrim’s Progress**

**Next Week: Concept 23**

* “Decision Making and the Will of God”