

## ~PROMISES (177)

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- They are the ones to whom the **promises** and the glory and the covenants were first given, through Moses. They were given the Law Covenant, and for a thousand years performed this sacred service before their God. Yet Paul realized, that they now were about to lose everything they had worked hard to attain to, due to a lack of faith.
- Who, as such, are Israelites, to whom belong the adoption as sons and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the sacred service and the **promises**. (**Romans 9:4**)
- Who was Christ sent to, and to whom did he make his ministry manifest? It was to the Jews alone, those who are circumcised. He did this to make God's **promises** to the Jews a reality. The **promises** to their forefathers were all fulfilled in Christ.
- For I say that Christ actually became a minister of those who are circumcised in behalf of God's truthfulness, so as to verify the **promises** He made to their forefathers. (**Romans 15:8**)
- Paul now points to the glorious position, that Christ occupies within God's arrangement. All of God's **promises** will come to fulfillment through Christ! That, in fact, is why the Amen is said through him, at the end of every prayer.
- For no matter how many the **promises** of God are, they have become Yes by means of him. Therefore also through him is the Amen, said to God for glory through us. (**2 Corinthians 1:20**)
- Then all of this having been said, the obligation of Christians who have been given these beloved **promises**, is to cleanse ourselves of every defilement of flesh and spirit while in this life, thus coming to perfection or completeness in God's sight, and readying ourselves for the role that he is preparing us for through the spirit.
- Therefore, since we have these **promises**, beloved ones, let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in God's fear. (**2 Corinthians 7:1**)

- Now the **promises** were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. As Paul duly notes, it does not mean as to seeds as in the plural, but in the singular, one seed.
- Paul then identifies that seed, as being Christ, the Greater than Isaac, the heir of the second covenant to Abraham, a covenant to time indefinite, which imparts true righteousness, and which Abraham put faith in, by having relations with Sarah and then waiting patiently for the seed to arrive according to Yehowah's spoken word to Abraham.
- Now the **promises** were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says, not. And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. (**Galatians 3:16**)
- Paul now asks; Is the Law Covenant against the **promises** of God? Surely that could not be so, for it came forth from God at his bidding. Paul now shows, that if God could have given a Law Covenant, that imparted life to those under it, then righteousness would be through the Law Covenant, but it is not.
- Is the Law, therefore, against the **promises** of God? May that never happen! For if a Law had been given that was able to give life, righteousness would actually have been by means of Law. (**Galatians 3:21**)
- Paul does not want them to become sluggish, in their service to God, but rather, to become imitators of those, who through the exercise of both patience and faith, actually inherit the **promises**.
- In order, that you may not become sluggish, but be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the **promises**. (**Hebrews 6:12**)
- Yet the man who did not even trace his lineage from Abraham took tithes from Abraham, and in turn blessed him, who had the **promises**. Likewise Christ came from heaven, and was born into the earthly family of Abraham, so really he did not need to trace his family lineage through Abraham, though he was a seed of Abraham in the flesh.
- But the man who did not trace his genealogy from them took tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the **promises**. (**Hebrews 7:6**)

- Therefore Jesus Christ has obtained a far better form of public service than the Aaronic priesthood obtained. This is because he is the mediator of a far better covenant, a covenant that has been established upon far better **promises**. This covenant is better than the Law Covenant, in direct correspondency, to the correspondency of the covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-19**) being superior to the covenant of (**Genesis 15:1-20**), made with Abraham our forefather.
- But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent public service, so that he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better covenant, which has been legally established upon better **promises**. (**Hebrews 8:6**)
- All these ones exercised faith in their day throughout their lives, but not one of them has yet to obtain the fulfillment of these grand **promises**. They recognized, that the promises were far off, and they welcomed them, for they gave hope and direction in life, and were worth working to obtain. They also gave public declaration, that they themselves were temporary and alien residents in this land of promise.
- In faith all these died, although they did not get the fulfillment of the **promises**, but they saw them afar off and welcomed them and publicly declared that they were strangers and temporary residents in the land. (**Hebrews 11:13**)
- Later Abraham, when God tested him, as good as offered up Isaac his only son, and the man who had received the **promises** attempted to offer up his only son as a sacrifice.
- Likewise the Greater Abraham, Yehowah God offered up his only or firstborn son, the Greater Isaac, Jesus Christ in sacrifice there upon Mount Moriah, in the hope or **promise** of God, that through faith in him, everyone living might gain life through his death.
- By faith Abraham, when he was tested, as good as offered up Isaac, and the man that had gladly received the **promises** attempted to offer up his only-begotten son. (**Hebrews 11:17**)
- Their works of faith are well documented for they defeated kingdoms in conflict, effected righteousness, obtained **promises** from God, even stopped the mouths of lions. Their faith had positive results and their works form a trail to follow for all faithful ones to come. Will you walk in their footsteps?

- Who through faith defeated kingdoms in conflict, effected righteousness, obtained **promises**, stopped the mouths of lions. (**Hebrews 11:33**)
- Through this accurate knowledge both from the Bible and through Holy Spirit, Peter and other anointed sons of God have been given precious and very grand **promises** from Yehowah God, for the purpose of them becoming sharers in divine nature, spirit life in heaven. They thus will, through undeserved kindness, escape from the corruption that is in the world through lust, for money, power and sex and many other things.
- Through these things he has freely given us the precious and very grand **promises**, that through these you may become sharers in divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world through lust. (**2 Peter 1:4**)