

~PROMISE (535)

[English, assure, swear, undertake, guarantee, agree, give your word, pledge, secure]

- If a woman belonging to a husband made a thoughtless oath, he could nullify her **promise**, and she would no longer be bound by it.
- However, if she at all happens to belong to a husband, and her vow is upon her or the thoughtless **promise** of her lips that she has bound upon her soul. (**Numbers 30:6**)
- But if her husband on the day of hearing it forbids her, he has also annulled her vow that was upon her or the thoughtless **promise** of her lips that she bound upon her soul, and Yehowah will forgive her. (**Numbers 30:8**)
- Joshua showed, that Yehowah God had fulfilled all of his many **promises** made to him throughout the years.
- And now here Yehowah has preserved me alive, just as he **promised**, these forty-five years since Yehowah made this promise to Moses when Israel walked in the wilderness, and now here I am today eighty-five years old. (**Joshua 14:10**)
- If fact not one of Yehowah God's **promises** he made to Israel had failed to come true.
- Not a **promise** failed out of all the good promise that Yehowah had made to the house of Israel. It all came true. (**Joshua 21:45**)
- David appreciated the **promises** of Yehowah God made toward him and his offspring.
- And now, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, you are the true God, and as for your words, let them prove to be truth, since you **promise** to your servant this goodness. (**2 Samuel 7:28**)
- Solomon later showed, that Yehowah God had indeed kept his **promises** made earlier to David his father, by placing Solomon upon the throne of Israel.
- You who have kept toward your servant David my father that

- which you **promised** him, so that you made the **promise** with your own mouth, and with your own hand you have made the fulfillment, as at this day. (**1 Kings 8:24**)
- And now, O God of Israel, let your **promise** that you have **promised** to your servant David my father prove trustworthy, please. (**1 Kings 8:26**)
 - Solomon later also showed that not one word of all the good **promises** of Yehowah God had failed to come true.
 - Blessed be Yehowah, who has given a resting-place to his people Israel according to all that he has **promised**. There has not failed one word of all his good **promise** that he has promised by means of Moses his servant. (**1 Kings 8:56**)
 - And now, O Yehowah, you are the true God, and you **promise** this goodness concerning your servant. (**1 Chronicles 17:26**)
 - Now, O Yehowah God, let your **promise** with David my father prove faithful, for you yourself have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust particles of the earth. (**2 Chronicles 1:9**)
 - You who have kept toward your servant David my father what you **promised** him, so that you made the promise with your mouth, and with your own hand you have made fulfillment as at this day. (**2 Chronicles 6:15**)
 - And now, O Yehowah the God of Israel, let your **promise** that you have promised to your servant David prove trustworthy. (**2 Chronicles 6:17**)
 - Then Peter showed, that the **promise** of Yehowah God applied to them and to their children, as many as Yehowah God might call to him, who would come to him in repentance, and put faith in his son Jesus Christ, and all those doing so would gain forgiveness and salvation through his name.
 - For the **promise** is to you and to your children and to all those afar off, just as many as Yehowah our God may call to him. (**Acts of Apostles 2:39**)
 - So now, just as the four hundred years of affliction of Abraham's offspring was coming to a close, and it was time for Yehowah God to

fulfill his **promise** to Abraham, the people there in Egypt grew many in number, and multiplied greatly.

- Just as the time was approaching for fulfillment of the **promise** that God had openly declared to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt. (**Acts of Apostles 7:17**)
- Then Paul gets to his point, that from the offspring of this man, King David, Yehowah God has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus.
- From the offspring of this man according to his **promise** God has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 13:23**)
- So then Paul told them, that thus he was there among them, declaring to them the Good News about the fulfillment of the **promise** made to their forefathers, faithful men like Abraham.
- And so we are declaring to you the Good News about the **promise** made to the forefathers. (**Acts of Apostles 13:32**)
- So the young man warned the military commander, not to accede to their designs, for they had more than forty men lying in wait, and they have bound themselves with a curse not to eat or drink, until they have killed Paul. So he warned, that they were already ready and waiting for him.
- Above all things, do not let them persuade you, for more than forty men of theirs are lying in wait for him, and they have bound themselves with a curse neither to eat nor to drink until they have done away with him, and they are now ready, waiting for the **promise** from you. (**Acts of Apostles 23:21**)
- Paul then showed, that over the **promise** of God made to his forefathers, that he was standing before them for judgment.
- And yet now for the hope of the **promise** that was made by God to our forefathers I stand called to judgment. (**Acts of Apostles 26:6**)
- Paul then showed, that as a Jew, his nation, all twelve tribes, were hoping to attain to the fulfillment of these very **promises** of Yehowah God, through the act of intensely rendering him sacred service night and day. Then Paul showed, that it was concerning this hope, that he was standing there accused by the Jews.

- Whereas our twelve tribes are hoping to attain to the fulfillment of this **promise** by intensely rendering him sacred service night and day. Concerning this hope I am accused by Jews, O king. (**Acts of Apostles 26:7**)
- How did the **promise** of righteousness come forth to Abraham? Was the Law Covenant even in existence then? No! But the promise, that he should become the heir of a righteous world, came through his faith.
- For it was not through Law that Abraham or his seed had the **promise** that he should be heir of a world, but it was through the righteousness by faith. (**Romans 4:13**)
- Paul shows, that those inheriting righteousness, or heirs of righteousness, do not come through the Law Covenant, but through faith in Jesus Christ, the Greater Isaac, faith like that of Abraham.
- For the **promise** to Abraham was: However, my covenant I shall establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this appointed time next year. (**Genesis 17:21**) Abraham had to exercise faith in the coming seed, for the covenant to be fulfilled through him, and then he also had to circumcise his son on the eighth day, in accord with the terms of this covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**).
- For if those who adhere to Law are heirs, faith has been made useless and the **promise** has been abolished. (**Romans 4:14**)
- Therefore the righteousness came as a result of faith, and according to undeserved kindness, and not based on works of righteousness **performed** under the Law Covenant. Those under the Law Covenant could only gain imputed righteousness from God through their exercise of making sacrifices under the Law Covenant, like Abraham had done with the covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**), but true righteousness would be given only through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which the Law Covenant prefigured through many foregleams.
- Thus, Yehowah God becomes the spiritual father of all men, both of those who practiced the Law Covenant, and those who exercise the faith of Abraham, and circumcise their own hearts, even though they did not have spiritual fathers in the truth, like the Jews did as a nation.

- Thus Yehowah becomes the spiritual father, the Greater Abraham, of uncircumcised offspring, like those under the Law Covenant, who exercise faith in the coming sacrifice of Christ through the foregleams or shadows of the Law Covenant, and of circumcised offspring, who willingly circumcise their hearts as individuals, through faith in the reality of the Christ. Both circumcision of the heart, and of the flesh, are requirements for Christians.
- On this account it was as a result of faith, that it might be according to undeserved kindness, in order for the **promise** to be sure to all his seed, not only to that which adheres to the Law, but also to that which adheres to the faith of Abraham. (**He is the father of us all. (Romans 4:16)**)
- God's word to Abraham was all he required to know, that it would come about. That is faith! It is trusting in Yehowah's **promises**, like we already had seen it done.

Faith is forward looking.
Ever advancing
Watching for its cue.
Its trusting in the things
Yehowah promises
Like we already knew.

- But because of the **promise** of God he did not waver in a lack of faith, but became powerful by his faith, giving God glory (**Romans 4:20**)
- Therefore the children in the flesh, who are subject to sin and death are not the ones who make up Israel, but the ones who like Abraham, put faith in the one who declares them righteous, and who put the practices of the sinful flesh to death by the spirit, are this true seed, the children of the **promise**.
- The unfaithful Jews were lopped off of the fruit bearing vine, because they failed to produce good fruitage. This should teach us as Christians, that we can never afford to let our spiritual progress slip or cease. Christendom later fell into the same pattern, and was likewise lopped off.
- That is, the children in the flesh are not really the children of God, but the children by the **promise** are counted as the seed. (**Romans 9:8**)

- The promise that Abraham had to put faith in, was that Sarah would within one year have a child. Now this could only happen by divine intervention, for Sarah was ninety years old and Abraham a hundred years old. Sarah had also stopped having menstruation. How would you have felt under these circumstances?
- For the word of **promise** was as follows; At this time I will come and Sarah will have a son. (**Romans 9:9**)
- Now Paul has been talking about the covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**), which covenant had, but one requirement of Abraham and his seed, who is Christ and the 144,000 anointed ones, and that requirement was circumcision.
- Now as Paul states above, the Law Covenant coming 430 years later, did not in any way, invalidate the covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**), just as he states above.
- If the promise of that covenant is not invalidated, neither is the requirement of circumcision, that accompanies it, and seals it, and reminds us daily throughout our fleshly lives, of the covenant we are in, from birth to death and resurrection.
- Further, I say this; As to the covenant previously validated by God, the Law that has come into being four hundred and thirty years later does not invalidate it, so as to abolish the **promise**. (**Galatians 3:17**)
- Paul here tries to show, that the circumcision comes from the Law, and reasons along the line, that if the Law is done away with by a better covenant, so is circumcision. This reasoning is incorrect. The circumcision comes from a prior covenant, that he himself says was **not invalidated by the Law Covenant, the covenant of** (**Genesis 17:1-14**), coming later, and this covenant's only requirement was circumcision in the flesh.
- Also this covenant's fulfillment pointed to the true seed of promise and his spiritual offspring to time indefinite. Even though Abraham was given this covenant through a promise and not based upon his works under the Law Covenant, this requirement of circumcision is still incumbent upon the seed of **promise** to validate this covenant. For unless blood is poured out, then no forgiveness takes place.

- For if the inheritance is due to law, it is no longer due to **promise**, whereas God has kindly given it to Abraham through a promise. (**Galatians 3:18**)
- Paul now asks; Why then, did Yehowah give the Law Covenant at all? Paul shows, that it was added to make our transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive, to whom this grand **promise** had been made.
- It was then transmitted to Moses through angels and given to mankind by God's mediator Moses. Thus the Law Covenant made sin far more sinful, by magnifying mankind's failure to live by a strict code of conduct, one, based upon punishments for failure to comply. Something more and better was needed, and it was pointed to in the covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**).
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the **promise** had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)
- However the Scripture delivered up all things in the custody of sin, so that the **promise** resulting from faith in Jesus Christ could then be given to all those exercising faith in it. To the Jews the **promise** came first, and then the fulfillment through Christ, for they had the sacred secrets of God for many generations.
- Because of being under the Law Covenant for generations, they should have been much more aware of their sinful nature than Gentiles were, for the Law Covenant made this very apparent to them.
- To the Gentiles, their faith in the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom, and faith in God's Messiah brought the **promise** to fulfillment. Their very lives had made them aware of the effect of sin, and they wanted something better. They came from different directions to the same location, but circumcision was still the seal of the covenant of the **promise**, that covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**).
- But the Scripture delivered up all things together to the custody of sin, that the **promise** resulting from faith toward Jesus Christ might be given to those exercising faith. (**Galatians 3:22**)

- Moreover, whether Jew or Gentile, if you are part of this spiritual body, and thus belong to Christ as his engaged virgin wife to be, then you are really Abraham's seed, heirs with reference to a **promise**. The seal of that **promise** of (**Genesis 17:1-14**), is circumcision in the flesh. The fleshly circumcision reminds us of our circumcision of heart to God, daily, which we each willingly accepted through faith.
- Circumcision does have real and powerful meaning! Many Jews who were circumcised in the flesh, were not circumcised of heart though, as they needed to be, to have God's blessing.
- Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's seed, heirs with reference to a **promise**. (**Galatians 3:29**)
- Now the son by the servant girl was actually born like any other birth, through the flesh and through its normal sexual desires. However the other one, through the free woman came through a **promise** of God, that within a year, he and Sarah would have a seed of their own.
- But the one by the servant girl was actually born in the manner of flesh, the other by the free woman through a **promise**. (**Galatians 4:23**)
- Paul now shows that we, both Gentile and Jewish Christians are children belonging to this **promise** made to Abraham, regarding him and Sarah, and the child to come forth through them, the Greater Isaac, Jesus Christ.
- This child the Greater Abraham later symbolically offered up in sacrifice on Mount Moriah, there where the city of Jerusalem later came to stand. God will provide the sheep for the offering, my Son! Thus the Greater Abraham told his son he would be the sacrifice, just before he actually sacrificed him.
- Now we, brothers, are children belonging to the **promise** the same as Isaac was. (**Galatians 4:28**)
- When they were in this uncircumcised state before God, they were without Christ, and they were alienated to the state of Israel. Israel's state was one of knowledge of the divine way, but they were then strangers to these glorious covenants and the **promise** of glory, that of becoming a nation of kings and priests. As such they were

without hope, of ever getting out from their sinful nature, and they knew not, the true God Yehowah.

- That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the **promise**, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. (**Ephesians 2:12**)
- This now is the sacred secret. That people of the nations should be joint heirs and fellow members of the body, and partakers with the Jews of the **promise**, in union with Jesus Christ, and this is to be delivered to them through the preaching of the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- Namely, that people of the nations should be joint heirs and fellow members of the body and partakers with us of the **promise** in union with Christ Jesus through the Good News. (**Ephesians 3:6**)
- Paul now shows, that the command to honor a father and mother was the first commandment from God, that came with a future **promise** of goodness. God views children doing so, as righteous before him.
- Honor your father and your mother, which is the first command with a **promise**. (**Ephesians 6:2**)
- Paul shows, that unlike bodily training, which has some mundane degree of usefulness, for being fit helps us to move and to work effectively, godly devotion is beneficial for all things in life. Godly devotion holds **promise** of the life we are now living, and also of the one that is to come, from God's own hand, that is promised.
- For bodily training is beneficial for a little, but godly devotion is beneficial for all things, as it holds **promise** of the life now and that which is to come. (**1 Timothy 4:8**)
- In **64 C.E.** a great fire ravaged the city of Rome, destroying about a fourth of the city. Rumor had it, that Caesar Nero was responsible for it. To protect himself, Nero placed the blame upon the Christians.
- This appears to have prompted a wave of violent governmental persecution. It was likely about this time, **around 65 C.E.**, that the apostle Paul was again imprisoned in Rome. He was then forsaken by many, suffering in chains, and facing imminent death.

- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will according to the **promise** of the life that is in union with Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 1:1)
- Therefore since a **promise** is left to anointed Christians of entering into his rest, anointed Christians should be wary, that sometime, someone of them, might have fallen short of entering in to it. Anointed Christians know, that they are within God's rest, if they have the Holy Spirit in their lives, for one of the primary things, that they will feel through this Holy Spirit is a wonderful peacefulness, which is deep and abiding.
- Therefore, since a **promise** is left of entering into his rest, let us fear that sometime someone of you may seem to have fallen short of it. (Hebrews 4:1)
- Paul now refers back to the **promise** for the seed, first given to Abraham. Now Paul relates, since God could not swear by anyone greater than himself, he swore by himself to Abraham, regarding the sureness of his spoken **promises**. This was spoken thousands of years earlier, but now here they were, that **promised** seed, receiving the blessing of Abraham through his Holy Spirit given to them. They must not miss the point of his giving it to them.
- For when God made his **promise** to Abraham, since he could not swear by anyone greater, he swore by himself. (Hebrews 6:13)
- Thus after Abraham had shown patience, by waiting in faith for the fulfillment of God's grand **promises** to him, he obtained this **promise**. This waiting was now over for it had been fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, the **promised** seed of the Greater than Abraham, Yehowah God.
- These anointed Hebrew Christians were inheritors of this **promise** through the flesh, and also through the spirit of their God, and they needed to appreciate the holy ground, that they were now walking on, and make fine spiritual fruitage upon it.
- And thus after Abraham had shown patience, he obtained this **promise**. (Hebrews 6:15)
- Paul now shows, that God also stepped in with such an oath, when he wanted to reassure the heirs of the **promise**, concerning the

unchangeableness of his fine counsel. Anointed Christians today, are those heirs who possess that **promise**.

- In this manner God, when he purposed to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the **promise** the unchangeableness of his counsel, stepped in with an oath. (**Hebrews 6:17**)
- So then, this is why Jesus Christ is the mediator of a New Covenant, for since a death has occurred for their release by ransom, from their transgressions under the Law Covenant, the ones, that have been called to God's sacred service, might receive the **promise** of the everlasting inheritance.
- So that is why he is a mediator of a New Covenant, in order, that, because a death has occurred for their release by ransom from the transgressions under the former covenant, the ones who have been called might receive the **promise** of the everlasting inheritance. (**Hebrews 9:15**)
- Paul then shows, that they have need of endurance, so that, after they have done the will of God, which they have done through baptism and preaching, amid severe opposition, that they remain in that fine work, until they receive the reward for their work. This reward will only come after death. Therefore they must endure in this fine work to the end of their earthly lives, for he that has endured to the end, is the one that will be saved. What would a farmer reap if he sowed seeds, but did not look after them till they matured into fruit.
- For you have need of endurance, in order, that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive the fulfillment of the **promise**. (**Hebrews 10:36**)
- By faith also Abraham accepted living in tents in his old age and resided in the Promised Land as an alien resident, based upon Yehowah's promise, that this land was to become his inheritance. Then he stayed in these temporary dwelling places with his heirs Isaac and Jacob.
- Also by faith the Spiritual Israelites, God's anointed sons dwell in this world as alien residents and strangers, even though this is the land of **promise** for all mankind, for he has **promised** to make the earth a glorious paradise like the Garden of Eden. They too dwell in tents with their father the Greater than Abraham, Yehowah God and his son, the Greater than Isaac, Jesus Christ, and the Greater Jacob, the Christian

congregation. They will continue to do this, until that promise is fully achieved. After these alien residents leave Egypt, and come back to this land, then it will actually become theirs.

- By faith he resided as an alien in the land of the **promise** as in a foreign land, and dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the very same promise. (**Hebrews 11:9**)
- Paul now concludes his long argument, that yet, after all of this, not one of these ones has to date obtained these **promises**. Did all of these many faithful ones believe in something unreal or fictional. No, not for a moment!
- Neither were these men and women crazy or gullible. No one endures what they were willing other endure, without knowing the one, who has **promised** these things. This is faith, and they all had it in a fine and good measure. Men today have even more reason for faith, than they did, for there are so many more witnesses to this faith today.
- And yet all these, although they had witness borne to them through their faith, did not get the fulfillment of the **promise**. (**Hebrews 11:39**)
- Peter now reasons that Yehowah God is not slow respecting the fulfillment of his grand **promises** to all mankind, but he is patient with mankind, for as their creator and life giver he does not want any of them to be destroyed.
- Thus he exercises patience so as to give men time to see the outworking of their wicked acts, and come to their senses in true repentance. This takes time for the wicked culmination of mankind's sin will take time to play out completely on a global scale and toward all the human family. By comparison we as individuals are quite impatient, wanting to see the promised results in our own time frame.
- Yehowah is not slow respecting his **promise**, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. (**2 Peter 3:9**)
- For then Yehowah God himself will usher in a new system of his own making where righteousness is to dwell. It will be a new way of heavenly control of the earth through righteousness effected by a new creation made up of men and women chosen from the earth who loved

righteousness, and who gave their lives in behalf of righteousness and truth, through their integrity to the death.

- **Also it will be a new earth where the rulers of the earth are chosen by God and not by demons and other men, it will be a theocracy, rule by God. They will be led to righteousness by a king who will sprout, under the divine blessing of Yehowah God himself, Jesus Christ, along with 144,000 corulers.**
- **They will then take control of the earth using divine power, and make it blossom and sprout righteousness and goodness for a thousand years, to the praise, honor and glory of Yehowah God its creator.**
- **But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his **promise**, and in these righteousness is to dwell.
(2 Peter 3:13)**