 **Christ Companion Bible Church**

**Weekly Bible Study**

**Study Location: Date: 18th February, 2020**

**Profiting (Prospering) By God’s Promises**

**-Review**

 There is no testament/covenant without promise. Hebrew 9:15. The promise is an integral part of the covenant. The bible therefore can be called **“The book of promises**”. Romans 1:1-2. The saints in Christ are called to know, to strive for and to possess the promises as their inheritance. Galatians 3:18; Hebrew 9:15. He cannot lie regarding His word and promises. Hebrew 6:13-11. The promise therefore is the anchor upon which the hope and success of the saint rest.

1. **Overview of God’s Promises.**

 *Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 43:1-7,18-19. Jeremiah 51:19-24.*

 God’s promises are as broad as firmament of heaven covering and dealing with all aspects of man’s life. Isaiah 4:4-6. These include: ***Sure refuge and security*** Psalm 91:1-4, ***Peace of mind and good health.*** Isaiah 26:3-4, ***provisions and prosperity*** Psalm 23:1-6, ***spiritual viability and strength.*** Psalm 84:7, 28:8-9. ***Redemption is very key to accessing and personal application of God’s promises.*** Ephesians 3:5-6. Romans 3:23-26. ***Faithfulness to His Promise.*** Hebrews 6:13-15. ***God had been true to all His promises in the past.*** Joshua 23:14 Hebrew 13:8. Matthew 5:18. ***His Promise is however CONDITIONAL:*** Romans 10:9-10. Isaiah 26:3. Philippians 4:6,7. Ecclesiastes 9:10 Proverbs 22:29. James 4:10, Job 22:29. ***Faith, Fervent prayer, & Patience needed for realization of God’s promises.*** Hebrews 10:35-39, 4:14-16.

1. **God’s Promises As Sure Anchor Of Hope And Victory.**

 ***Hebrews 6:13-19. Luke 1:68-75. Isaiah 44:26. Jeremiah 1:12.***

 The certainty of God’s promises was the source of confident faith portrayed by the saints of old. The knowledge and understanding of God’s promises will enable us to profit in many areas of our life, calling and pursuit as examined below:

1. **Dod’s promise is directional:** It tells you what to do and where to go in order to bring to pass the promise. Genesis 12:1-5. Philippians 2:12.
2. **God’s promise is motivational:** It moves you into action; it generates zeal and enthusiasm within you as to release the latent energy within you. 1 Kings 5:1-10; Acts 1:8; Daniel 11:32b.
3. **God’s promise is connective.** It creates link with God, synergize with human helpers that can bring the promise to fruition. Jeremiah 29:11-14. Luke 1:34-45. Matthew 7:7-11
4. **God’s promise is inspirational.** It inspires others when fulfilled in one’s life. *Genesis 50:15-21.*
5. **God’s promise is rewarding.** Genesis 15:1-6, Romans 4:16-22.
6. **The Significance & Implications of God’s Presence**

***Matthew 1:22, 21, Isaiah 9:6, Romans 8:31,32***

When God and His Presence is with someone, it means all that is in God and all that He can do is available to such person. **(1).** ***God in the person of Christ is the embodiment of God’s promise.*** His presence meant everything past, present and future. Roman 8:32. Colossians 1:20; 2:9-10. **(2.) *He is the everlasting Father!*** Isaiah 9:6. Love is the superlative attribute of God. 1 John 4:16-9. It simply means (i) ***provision*** *Psalm 23:1-3*, (ii) ***wisdom*** *Proverb. 4:1-7 (iii)* ***corrections*** and reprove *Hebrew 12:5-11*, (iv) lively and ***heavenly inheritance*** etc *Roman 8:17. Psalm 16:5.7.* **(3).** ***He is the mighty God!*** Isaiah 9.6. His presence inspires confidence that you will need in every life’s battle. *Luke 9:43, Ephesians 1:19*. **(4).** ***He is the Counselor, Comforter and the Wisdom of God.*** Isaiah 9.6.1 Corinthians 1:23; *1 kings 4:29:3. 1 Corinthians 3:10.* (***5). His name is wonderful***. Isaiah 9:6. Acts 3:13-14. ***His presence in someone’s life means Miracles***, ***Sign and Wonders in alarming fashions and degrees!*** Acts 19:11-12; 28:3-10. 2 Peter 1:3,4. **(6)**. ***The implication of these promises is that your life becomes an edifice of God’s glory***, (7.) ***Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, Perfecting holiness in the fear of God***. 2 Corinthians 7:1.

1. **God’s Promises: Areas, Examples and Applications**

*Genesis 17:1-5, 21:5. 1 Kings 8:22-24. Luke 1:67-75.*

As earlier considered in Part 2, God’s promises could be unique and peculiarly applicable to individuals. You are to discover yours and strive by faith for its fulfillment in your life. Luke 1:45. ***1. Promise of forgiveness, divine acceptance and salvation to every repentant sinners.*** Romans 10:9-13. Luke 15:16-24. Acts 9:1-6. ***2. Promise to Stand in grace and keep saints from falling!*** 1 Samuel 2:9.10; Jude 24. *Examples*: Peter (Luke 22:31-32, John 21:15-21); David (Psalm 124:1-8).***3. Promise to help you in whatever circumstances as need arises.*** As our High Priest, He is an expert Helper. Hebrews 4:14-16. Isaiah 41:10. *Examples*: Moses in the wilderness (Number 11:11-32); Elijah in time of difficulties (1 King 19:4-8). ***4. Promise of protection from danger and every evil work.*** Isaiah 31:4,5; 54:15-17; Psalm 91:16. *Example*: Mordecai (Esther 5:14:6:1-13). Romans 8:31.***5. God’s promise of fruitfulness:*** For the barren. Exodus 23:26, Deuteronomy 7:14; in grace, maturity and in the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23, Mark 4:20, John 15:16; in soul winning. Genesis 1;28, John 15:16; 1 Samuel 1:26-28, Luke 1:57-58,

***6. Promise of good health, long life, promotion and exploits:*** Psalm 1:1-3, Deuteronomy 28:1-14. Proverbs 10:22. *Examples*: Solomon. 1 Kings 10:23, Abraham Genesis 13:2. Ephesians 3:20.

***7. Promise of Holy Ghost*** to all Joel 2.32:40. Matthew 5.4; Acts 2:1-17. ***8. Promise of new heart, cleansing and sanctification.*** Ezekiel 36:24-28. John 17:17,18. ***9. Promise of eternal life and heaven.*** Revelation 20:6, 22:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:6-8. There are many other promises of God for us. Search the Scriptures, believe and cleave to His promises for your life. His promises never fail. AMEN.

***…Winning & Reigning with Christ***

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

**CHS 113 IT PAYS TO SERVE JESUS**

1. It pays to serve Jesus, I speak from my heart,
He'll always be with us, if we do our part
There's naught in this wide world can pleasure afford;
There's peace and contentment in serving the Lord.

*I love Him far better than in days of yore
I'll serve Him more truly than ever before,
I'll do as He bids me, whatever the cost,
I'll be a true soldier, I'll die at my post.*
2. And oft when I'm tempted to turn from the track,
I think of my Saviour, my mind wanders back
To the place where they nailed Him on Calvary's tree.
I heard a voice saying, "I suffered for thee."
3. A place I remember where I was set free,
'Twas where I found pardon, a heaven to me.
There Jesus spoke sweetly to my weary soul,
My sins were forgiven, He made my heart whole.
4. How rich is the blessing the world cannot give,
I'm satisfied fully for Jesus to live;
Though friends may forsake me and trial arise,
I am trusting Jesus, His love never dies.
5. There is no one like Jesus can cheer me today.
His love and His kindness can ne'er fade away,
In winter and summer, in sunshine and rain,
His love and affection are always the same.
6. Will you have this blessing that Jesus bestows,
A free full salvation from sin's bitter throes?
O come to the Saviour, to Calvary flee,
The fountain is opened, is flowing for thee.

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