

**TELECAST SERMON FOR  
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"THE PROMISES OF GOD"  
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Thank you Melvin!

We, born again Christians, believe that God's promises are yea and amen. Therefore, His promise to return in clouds of glory for His own, is not a question of if He's returning, but rather when is He coming back to translate us to our journey's end of eternal life in God's Kingdom! Therefore, I sincerely ask the Lord, that the message I have entitled "THE PROMISES OF GOD," will cause you to seize the moment to accept Jesus, as your Savior. In fact, I implore of you, don't let today become one of "missed opportunity."

The fulfillment of Divine promises can make any year a happier one. The following scripture can contribute to one's happiness. We read Isa. 26:3, "Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

This year, if it has, not already, will doubtlessly bring its burdens of cares, sorrows, disappointments, and displeasure's, but when one's mind is stayed upon the Lord, and trust is centered in Him, perfect peace will follow the soul. Everything that has a tendency to depress, can be cast upon Him.

Listen to I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." Oh! yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief; when the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Saviour cares ... He cares!

If the Lord has been trusted with the following: salvation, forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting, surely He can be trusted for our daily cares. Paul tells us in Romans 8:31, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" He also tells us, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." God's promises are yea and amen!

While we are - waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled, He tells us in Heb. 6:12, "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Yes, they, who are called and predestined to become the sons of God, can receive the promise of eternal inheritance, an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled, which fadeth not away, and is reserved in heaven for every believer in Christ Jesus.

People today are very impatient. God tells us, in Heb. 10:36, "For ye have need of patience that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Combined faith and trust in Him are as important as patience.

Now, what is Faith? We read in Heb. 11:1-2 & 6, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. But without faith it is

impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

The essence of faith consists in believing and receiving what God has revealed. It may be defined as that trust in God and in Jesus Christ, Whom He has sent, receiving Him as Lord and Savior. In salvation, faith is personal trust, (apart from works,) in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who Himself was delivered, because of our offenses, and raised again, because of our justification, as we read in Rom. 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

In Prayer, faith is the confidence that we have in Him, so that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us, and we must accept His answer, as correct and final! The prophets, elders, etc. all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but saw them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Paul tells us in Heb. 11:14-16, "For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from which they came out, they might have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a City."

And it is a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God! Yes, that City is the Holy Jerusalem, which will descend out of heaven from God. This is the city that Jesus revealed to His disciples. We read John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

In this City, there will be no more sorrow, no more death, no more pain, no more crying; for the former things will be passed away. Wonderful, isn't it? Therefore, claim the promises of God! However, the promises are only for the "overcomers," for he that overcometh shall inherit all things.

Listen to Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." The second death and the lake of fire in this verse describe the eternal state prescribed for the wicked.

Relatively, it is second to the preceding physical death of the wicked, who succumb because of unbelief and rejection of God; their eternal state is to be one of eternal death (i.e. separation from God). Jesus told the Jews, "Ye shall die in your sins, for if ye believe not that I am He." The Jews rejected and crucified the Lord of Glory.

Peter tells us in 2 Peter 1:4, "By which are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the

corruption that is in the world through lust." Corruption, in the scripture just read, refers to the lust of the flesh; lust of the eyes; and the pride of life, which is not of the Father, but of the world. Remember, however, the world shall pass away and the lust of it; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

Many are asking, "Where is the fulfillment of the promise of His Coming?" Many mock and scoff about His second coming! I say to you with utmost conviction, "Jesus is coming soon, and sooner than you think!" The question is not: "When is He coming?" The question is: "Are you prepared to meet Him, when He comes back in clouds of glory?"

The Bible tells us He is coming back. His soon is not our soon--one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as many count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Yes, God does not desire that any should perish, yet, it is clear, that many will not be saved. Jesus Christ became the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of all mankind. He came into this world to seek and to save that which was lost.

In John 3:5, Jesus clearly instructed, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." In Acts 2:38, Peter declared, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The name of Jesus is most vital in baptism for Acts 4:12 confirms, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

To claim the promises of God, we must set our affection or mind on things above, rather than upon the things of the earth. We read Col. 3:1-4, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

A set mind, not a wandering or confused mind, is required, a mind and heart set on proper things! "Things" constitute a major part of our lives and generally affect us in two ways, good or bad.

The Lord Jesus tells us, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Listen to the parable of the rich farmer. He had accumulated so much materially, that he didn't know where to store all his goods; instead of passing some of his blessings around, he decided to build a bigger barn to hold all his worldly goods.

There is another parable about the rich fool described in Luke 12:19-21, who said, "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease (i.e. relax, retire, take it easy) eat, drink and be merry! But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Thus, we see the folly of the rich farmer!

The rewards, inheritances, and best interests are in heaven, and for the believer it should be an easy task for him to set his mind on heavenly things. This will not make him impractical!

Then there is the case of Paul--he was as heavenly minded while making tents, as when preaching or writing his epistles. He could write about food, raiment, shelter, storms, tests, trials, etc. , as well as about the unsearchable riches of Christ. Jesus tells us in Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

In other words, seek the Spiritual things first, and the material things will follow. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. God, Who promised, is faithful. Therefore, hold fast without wavering, especially in the evil times we are now living. We read in I John 2:25, "And this is the promise that he hath-promised, even eternal life." God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son, Christ Jesus.

Jesus told His disciples to tarry for the promise of the Father. You may ask, "what is the promise of the Father?" It is the Holy Ghost, Which the 120 in the Upper Chamber received on the day of Pentecost. We read in Acts 1:4, "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me."

The disciples and Mary, the mother of Jesus, tarried for 10 days, and at the end of the 10th day, the Holy Ghost fell on the 120, as we read in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance."

Dwelling in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, were Jews and devout men, out of every nation under heaven, who were confounded and asked, "What meaneth this?" Others mockingly said, "These men are full of new wine." But Peter stood up and said, "These are not drunken, but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, that in the last days, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. And that this Jesus, Whom you have crucified and slain, Whom God hath raised up, hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear."

Thus, we find that the promise of the Holy Spirit is the promise of the father, as we read in Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Today, viewers, you do not have to go to Jerusalem to receive the Holy Spirit; your Jerusalem is where you found your salvation.

When I was a boy, I often heard the Preacher speaking about the Holy Spirit. I had no idea what he was talking about. And I am afraid many church members are like that today.

Before Jesus went back to heaven He said to His disciples that, which is written in John 14:16-18, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. (The word comforter means one called alongside to help. Jesus was promising to send the Holy Spirit to comfort the disciples when He should be gone. The Holy Spirit was to dwell in the believers and help, them just as the Lord had done, when He was with them.) Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

The first work of the Holy Spirit is to convict one of sin. We may have a conscience, but it takes the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin. Listen to John 16:10-11, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me: of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

The world means this world system and at the time of the Lord, it was led by the Jews, who were the religious leaders, and the Romans, the political leaders. Both of these groups rejected and crucified the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ's death condemned or adjudged the world, because in putting the Lord to death, the leaders showed what they thought of the Son of God. And it is Satan, who is behind this whole world system.

When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, he was a hungry-hearted man, seeking hope and satisfaction for this life and that to come. Jesus said unto him, as we find in John 5:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Every man comes into the world thru a physical birth, but that is not enough. He needs a spiritual birth.

One must be born of water and of the Spirit to enter into the Kingdom of God. We read in the 8th verse: "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

Jesus said that the work of the Holy Spirit in saving men is like the wind: (1) it is from Heaven; (2) it cannot be seen; (3) its power and work can never be fully understood; (4) it can be heard; (5) it is very powerful, and what it does can be seen; (6) it gives life--it was the breath of life, which made man a living soul!

We read in verses 9-10, "Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" And that's where many stand today, they don't really know the meaning of being "born again of water and the Spirit" to attain eternal life.

When we are born into this world, we have physical lives, which lasts until we die. When we are "born again" we receive Eternal Life, which is the life of God. It never ends, for when our bodies die at the end of our physical lives, those who are blood-washed, water-washed, Spirit-filled, and "walking in the Light," will go to heaven to be with our Lord and go on living that eternal life which we started here and now.

Yes, prepare yourselves to meet your God! Today is the day of salvation, if you will but hear His voice! The greatest need of every man is to be born again, to receive the promise of God.

One Sunday a man came unto me and said, "You spoke of the weight of sin. I don't feel any weight. How much is it, fifty pounds, a hundred pounds?" And I said, "Can a dead body feel any weight placed upon it?" "No," said the man, "a dead man couldn't feel it, even if you placed a thousand pounds on him." "Well," said I, "that's the way it is with you. You are dead in your sin and therefore, can't feel the weight of it.

People who are not Christians are looked upon as being Spiritually dead. They need the new birth to bring them to life towards God. If they are never born again, they go on being dead towards God and eventually, they will be eternally separated from Him.

One who has been born can't be unborn. I was born of my father and mother and I'll always be their child, regardless of my actions. And since I am born of water and of the Spirit, I'll always be God's child. Romans 8:1 reads, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

I wish to spend a little time on the word "sanctification," which means being set apart for God. When the temple was built it was sanctified, that is, it was set aside for the purpose of worshipping God, as are all of our Branch Churches, for the preaching of "The Gospel of the Kingdom of God," for the winning of lost souls, and for the glory of God.

I now share with you the self-same Gospel that Jesus preached, by first asking you to read Mark 1:14-15, with me, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the gospel." What is the gospel? The gospel is the good news: that Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and Jesus is coming soon!

Just suppose we used our church for a dance or for the sale of huli-huli chicken, laulau, etc. That would be blasphemy! You can see then that in this sense, every Christian is sanctified, or set apart for God's purpose. We read in I Cor. 1: 19-20, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and your spirit, which are God's."

Yes, we were all bought with a price. The price is the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ which He shed for us on the cross of Calvary. For without the shedding of blood there would have been no remission of sins. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

We are told that a wasp is larger at birth than at any other time. Some true born again Christians are like that. They are more Spiritual and more active for God when they are born again than at any future time.

Our salvation is confirmed in heaven as we read in Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." In other words, there is a day coming when our Lord will return to make our bodies like His glorious body. When a person accepts the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit then sets His seal on that soul; no power in heaven or earth can break the seal.

Billions of dollars' worth of gold is buried in Fort Knox. This treasure is encased in buildings of steel and iron and guarded by many soldiers. We say this gold is safe, but it isn't one-half as safe, as a soul which has trusted Jesus. We read in Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

The Holy Spirit also helps our infirmities. We can pray and thank God for that privilege, but we can never offer a perfect prayer. However, the Holy Spirit knows what is best for us and prays for us, according to the will of God. The Holy Spirit illumines the Bible for us. That's the reason many cannot understand the Bible. They do not have the Holy Spirit to guide their understanding.

We read in I Cor. 2:10 & 12, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." The Holy Spirit not only illumines the pages of the Bible, but He also lights up the pathway of the believer. You and I come often to the crossroads. Which way shall we go? which way is the best? If we trust our own wisdom we will often go the wrong way. Jesus tells us in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

If one is selecting a college, he should seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If one plans to marry, wants a better job, or wants to purchase a house, ask for God's guidance. Let us read Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thine ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

As revealed in the Word of God, the Lord promises to guide us, if we surrender our wills to Him, and bring our ways into submission, to do His will. We who have been born again have the promise of being translated.

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Pastor Billy Han, Jr., expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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