

STAND ON THE PROMISE NOT THE PREMISE
(A Meditational Moment)

- I. It is important that we understand that there are differences between a premise and a promise?
- A. Premise means an underlying assumption; something assumed or taken for granted; accepted as true without proof.
 - 1. It means pretend (implies a sustained false appearance)
 - 2. It means to simulate (suggests a close imitation of the appearance of something)
 - 3. It means counterfeit (which implies the highest degree of pretense or simulation)
 - 4. It means sham (implies an obvious falseness that fools only the gullible)

Satan's schemes of seduction and destruction are founded on a premise. His personality personifies that of a pretender, simulator, counterfeiter, and sham artist.

- B. Promise means an assurance (i.e. a pledge, guarantee, security, certainty, excessive confidence) that one will do something or that something will happen; potential excellence; give good grounds for expecting; firmly intend.

II. God's Promise is sure and unchanging because God secured it in Himself

- A. Hebrews 6:11-18 reads; *"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, 'Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.' And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us."*

III. The Promise is available to all who announce their acceptance of Jesus Christ

- A. Acts 2:38-39 conveys; *"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."*
- B. 2 Peter 1:3-4 declares; *"As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

IV. The Promise has been prescribed for Pilgrim's of the Promise

- A. James 1:12 & 2:5 proclaims; *"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"*

V. The Promised Promise

- A. 1 John 2:25 reveals; *"And this is the promise that He has promised us-eternal life."*

STAND ON THE SOLID PROMISES OF THE SAVIOR NOT THE SHAKY PREMISES OF SATAN

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