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- IO** For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
- II** And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:
- I2** That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience **inherit the promises.**

**Hebrews 6:10-12**



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- 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- 4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

Romans 9:3-4

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<sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

Romans 15:8

- The promises were made to the lineage of the Seed (which connotatively becomes Israel)
- The gentiles have now been grafted in!

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- The writer to the Hebrews talks of the great men & women of faith (in the lineage of the Seed)...

*33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*

**Hebrews 11:33**

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<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Hebrews 11:13



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- II Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- I2 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Ephesians 2:11-13

# The Source of the Promises

**13** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

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**19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

**Ephesians 2:13,19**

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# The Certainty of the Promises

<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

**2 Corinthians 1:20**



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- I3** For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,
- I4** Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.
- I5** And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
- I6** For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

**Hebrews 6:13-16**

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- I7** Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:
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<sup>19</sup> Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Hebrews 6:19

- The promises are to be an anchor for the soul... something that will stop us drifting
- They act as a compass to keep us from losing our way in life amidst the storms of life

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4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding 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.

2 Peter 1:4

- The promises of God actually serve to make us more Godly
- Knowing there is an expected end keeps us from running into evil or disobedience

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<sup>18</sup> *Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint*

**Proverbs 29:18 ASV**

- Where there is nothing to aim for, people lose focus
- You are less likely to hit the mark if there is no target!

# The Purpose of the Promises

*I 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**

- Because we have this focus, we have a real reason to live Godly lives and flee from sin
- *'If you are good, then you'll get a treat!'*
  - The promises include, but are far more than simply salvation from God's wrath



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- Conditional Promises
- Unconditional Promises

- ‘Promise’
  - to give an assurance of something to someone
  - to undertake to do something in the future

# The Promises of God

- What is the first promise in the Bible?

<sup>17</sup> ...of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:17

- Without this, the scene would not be set!
- On this promise hangs the character of God Himself!

# Just *and* Merciful?

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed,  
The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious,  
longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,  
<sup>7</sup> Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and  
transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear  
the guilty;

Exodus 34:6-7

- This dichotomy is the paradox of the Old Testament

# Just *and* Merciful?

**I** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Psalm 32:1**

**I5** He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemns the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

**Psalm 17:15**

# Just *and* Merciful?

<sup>85</sup> Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Psalm 85:10



# The Great Promise of Death!

<sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8

# The Great Promise of Death!

- 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

# The Great Promise of Death!

- 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
- 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

# The Promise of Man

- What is man's first promise?

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

**Genesis 2:24**

- Man's first utterance is a commitment for the Bride to be united to the Bridegroom!



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