

The Lord's Promise Is Conditional  
(Hebrews 13:5)

Introduction:

1. This morning we showed how "the Lord has promised to be with His followers" (Hebrews 13:5).
2. In this lesson we are examining passages which reveal certain conditions that accompany this promise.

Discussion:

I. JOHN 14:23

- A. Jesus showed how He and the Father will make their abode with us.
- B. The condition for enjoying this blessing is keeping the Lord's words.
- C. Love for the Lord will lead us to keep His words (John 14:15).

II. 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11

- A. This verse mentions "*the God of love and peace*" being with us.
- B. The conditions for enjoying this blessing are that we must:
  1. "*be perfect*" [made complete]
  2. "*be of good comfort*"
  3. "*be of one mind*" (Romans 12:16)
  4. "*live in peace*" (Romans 12:18).

III. PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

- A. Vs.9b mentions "*the God of peace*" being with us.
- B. The conditions for enjoying this blessing are that we must practice the teachings of Paul and follow his example (vs.9a).
  1. Paul's teachings:
    - a. (vs.4) We must "*rejoice in the Lord always.*"
    - b. (vs.5) We must practice "*moderation*" [forbearance].
    - c. (vs.6-7) We must avoid anxiety.
    - d. (vs.8) We must think properly (Proverbs 23:7a).
  2. Paul's example in Philippi: (Acts 16:16-25).

IV. 1 JOHN 1:5-7

- A. In these verses John wrote about having fellowship with God.
- B. The conditions for enjoying this blessing:
  1. we must not "*walk in darkness*" (vs.6)
  2. we must "*walk in the light*" (vs.7).

V. 1 JOHN 4:16

- A. In this verse John wrote about dwelling in God and God dwelling in us.
- B. The condition for enjoying this blessing is that we must dwell in love.
  1. 2:10-11
  2. 3:11, 14, 18
  3. 4:7-8, 20-21

Conclusion:

1. The Lord's promise to be with His followers is a special blessing -- it gives confidence (Hebrews 13:6).
2. To be assured of the Lord's presence we must comply with the conditions that He has given in His Word.