

The Promises of God - Lesson 7

Introduction:

1. In our study of God's promises we have shown that:
 - a. they are "*exceeding great and precious*" (2 Peter 1:4a)
 - b. they are "trustworthy" in that God "*is not slack concerning His promise*" (2 Peter 3:9)
 - c. they are "effective" -- by them we can be "*partakers of the divine nature*" (2 Peter 1:4b)
 - d. some of them are "conditional."
2. In our last lesson we studied "God's promise to be with His followers" (Hebrews 13:5-6).
 - a. God's promise is stated in vs.5: "*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*"
 - b. According to vs.6, this special promise provides confidence.
3. In this lesson we are examining passages which reveal certain conditions that accompany this promise.

Discussion:

- I. JOHN 14:23
 - A. In this verse 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 16:11-12, 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