

## The Promises of God - Lesson 29

### Introduction:

1. We have been studying the promises of God that are described in 2 Peter 1:4 as *"exceeding great and precious."*
2. In our study:
  - a. we have covered several fundamental principles that relate to God's promises
    - 1) Trusting God's promises leads to faithful service.
    - 2) God keeps His promises.
    - 3) Some of God's promises are unconditional, and some are conditional.
    - 4) Many of God's promises were revealed *"by His prophets in the holy Scriptures."*
  - b. we have examined seven specific promises
    - 1) God promised to send John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ.
    - 2) God promised to send Jesus.
    - 3) God promised to send the Holy Spirit.
    - 4) God promised to establish His kingdom.
    - 5) God promised to establish a new covenant.
    - 6) God promised to call His people by a new name.
    - 7) God promised that the judgment will occur.
  - c. we have examined seven blessings that God has promised to provide.
    - 1) God promised forgiveness.
    - 2) God promised to be with His followers.
    - 3) God promised to answer prayer.
    - 4) God promised to provide direction.
    - 5) God promised to provide help during the time of temptation.
    - 6) God promised to provide strength to those who wait upon Him.
    - 7) God promised to provide comfort.
3. In this lesson we are concentrating on "God's promise of new heavens and a new earth."

### Discussion:

- I. THIS PROMISE IS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE BIBLE
  - A. Isaiah mentioned it twice (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22).
  - B. Peter mentioned it (2 Peter 3:13).
  - C. John mentioned it (Revelation 21:1).
- II. IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH IN WHICH WE LIVE
  - A. This is declared in Genesis 1:1.
  - B. God did this to provide man a dwelling place (Genesis 1:26-31).
- III. WHEN JESUS RETURNS GOD WILL DESTROY THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH IN WHICH WE LIVE
  - A. After the flood God indicated to Noah that the earth will not last forever (Genesis 8:22).
  - B. Peter showed how and when the heavens and the earth will be destroyed (2 Peter 3:7, 10).
  - C. When John saw *"a new heaven and a new earth," "the first heaven and the first earth were passed away"* (Revelation 21:1).
- IV. THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH IS THE PLACE WHERE GOD WILL DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE FOREVER
  - A. Jesus has gone there to prepare a dwelling place for His people (John 14:1-3).
  - B. This place is described as *"a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens"* (2 Corinthians 5:1).
  - C. *"Righteousness"* dwells in this place (2 Peter 3:13).
  - D. John gave a beautiful description of this place (Revelation 21:2-4, 10, 22-27; 22:1-5).
- V. THIS PROMISE SHOULD AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE
  - A. It should lead us to labor so *"we may be accepted of Him"* (2 Corinthians 5:2, 9).
  - B. It should lead us to be diligent to have the Lord's approval (2 Peter 3:11-12, 14).