

Precious Promises

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Introduction

1. 2 Peter 1:4
2. Consider the word precious
 1. Meaning: of great value or high price; 2) Highly esteemed or cherished; 3) excessively refined.
 2. Some things are precious because of value: gold, silver, and jewels, something hard to fine.
 3. Some things are precious because of who owned them: one else may say that it is worthless, but to another it is priceless because of who owned it.
 4. The word “precious” is used 7 times in 1 & 2 Peter
3. Promises
 1. Promises are made in marriage, business and politics
 2. Some promises are not kept because: 1) difficulties of keeping promise, or circumstances that prevent keeping of a promise
 3. God is able and willing to keep His promise 2 Peter 3:9
 4. Let us study and consider the precious promises of God.

II Discussion

1. The dependency of promises
 1. The ability of the one who makes the promises to fulfill to perform them Gen 1:1 Heb 1:3
 2. The willingness to perform these promises 2 Peter 3:9; Rom 4:21; Joshua 23:14
 3. The value of the thing promised John 14:1-3; 2 Corinthians 5:1-2
2. What are some of the things that God has not promised
 1. To accept excuses Luke 14:16-24
 2. To give another day James 4:13-14
 3. To save anybody outside the church Acts 2:47
 4. To give a second chance after death Titus 2:11; 2 Corinthians 6:2
 5. To give the Christian a life free from hardship 2 Tim 3:12
3. What are some unconditional promises of God
 1. Seed and harvest Genesis 8:22
 2. The earth destroyed by water again Genesis 9:12-17
 3. All men will leave the walks of life Hebrews 9:27
 4. There will be a second coming Acts 1:10-11
 5. The resurrection and Judgment of all men John 5:28-29; Acts 17:30-31
4. What are some conditional promises of God
 1. Forgiveness of sins Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38
 2. Forgiveness of sins of His children Acts 8:22
 3. Some will never see the second death Revelation 22:8; Hebrews 5:8-9; 1 John 2:25
 4. Provincial care of God Matthew 6:33

III Conclusion

1. God can fulfill all the promises He has made
2. Can we stand upon the promises of God and be blessed?
3. Will you come to accept the conditional promises of God? Come now

Sources: Old sermon preached 1/13/85 Batesville MS; The Key of Knowledge sermon outlines from 2 Peter by Tom Holland