

HOPE

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOPE IN GOD'S PROMISES

2 Samuel 7:8-16
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HOPE: A confident expectation of God based on His character and the promises of His Word.

The incarnation of Jesus begins the unfolding of of promises.

“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” Isaiah 9:2-7

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” Jeremiah 23:5

“I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.” Numbers 24:17

_____ : the act of God in freely establishing a mutually binding relationship with humankind. Through the covenant God bestows blessings on humans in conditional and unconditional terms. Conditionally, God blesses humans as they obey the terms of the covenant. Unconditionally, God bestows blessings on humans regardless of their obedience or disobedience to the terms of the covenant.

Agreement

**Be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion.
Don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
Satan will be defeated.**

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15

Covenant (Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17)

Protection from judgment for all those in the ark.

Promise to never destroy the earth by flood again.

Covenant (Genesis 12:1-9)

“Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.” Joshua 1:2-4

“And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.” Genesis 17:6-7

“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 12:2-3

God and His Covenant

1. God works
2. through the Word or a prophet
3. to wage war
4. to make a covenant with a people
5. to constitute that people as his people
6. God establishes a temple presence among them because He will live among them.

_____ Covenant (Sinai Covenant)

(Exodus 19-24)

The Law

God would be their God

Israel would be God's People

_____ Covenant

(2 Samuel 7:8-16; Psalm 89:3-4)

A Name

A Place

An Eternal Peace and Justice

An Enduring Kingdom

An Everlasting Kingdom

An Adoption by the Father

_____ Covenant

(Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:15)

Offering for sins has been made once and for all.

Jesus Christ is our high priest.

“For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.” Hebrews 7:26-27

God has a direct heart relationship with man through Jesus

God has written His Word in our heart through the Holy Spirit

God and His New Covenant

1. God works
2. by his Spirit
3. through the Incarnate Word
4. to war against and defeat his foe(s)
5. God establishes a covenant with a people
6. God's covenant establishes that people as God's people
7. God establishes a temple among his people, because he will reside among them

SEVEN WAYS GOD'S COVENANTS GIVE US HOPE

When we fail, God _____.

Man sins.

God judges the sin.

God gives grace and mercy to restore a broke relationship.

God's _____ rarely match ours.

“I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.” Psalms 27:13-14

God's plans always exceed our _____.

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9

Faith _____ God's promises.

“According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.” Philippians 1:20

God always _____.

“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;” Titus 1:2-3

God's Word is true, even when it doesn't _____.

God's covenant to us is a sign of His _____ and His _____.