

Promises Made, Promises Kept, Part 5

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Text: Heb. 2:9

Introduction Summary

God promised to redeem mankind from the very beginning, when Adam fell. In this series we've gone from the prophecies about Jesus to His suffering and crucifixion. In this lesson we will see that the tables have turned. We will look at the fulfilment of the promises made in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Then we will see the powerful results in the life of Peter. And since God did great exploits through Peter after he had fallen away, He will do the same through you, if you always go to him.

I. Gen. 3:15: Now it's "bruise thy head time."

- A. *Operation* (Gk. *energia*) means *effective working of GOD*. God's plan would be so effective that the enemy wouldn't see it coming until it was too late (Col. 2:12-15).
- B. Jesus came to deprive satan of his power over you (1 John 3:8).
- C. *Grave* means *hell*: hell was deprived of its victory (1 Cor. 15:55).
- D. The Lamb of God. Why did John call Jesus the "Lamb" of God (John 1:29)?
- E. "Lamb" represents the Passover (Exo. 12:5-14).
- F. Jesus was our Passover Lamb; His blood on our hearts, saves us from death.
- G. God used the rope-a-dope (Ali/Foreman fight) strategy on satan (1 Cor. 2:6-8).
- H. Since Jesus wasn't wicked, satan had no right to take Him to hell (Psa. 9:17).
- I. The Holy Ghost energized Jesus. And Jesus triumphed over satan (Col 2:15).
- J. Satan is a dope and has been roped.

II. Jesus' body: They observed *how* his body was laid (Luke 23:53-55).

- A. They wound the body with linen and covered it with 100 lbs. of spices (John 19:38-42).
- B. A *napkin* is a towel used to wipe perspiration from the head or used for swaddling the head of a corpse (John 20:1-8).
- C. If you're stealing a body, there's no time unwrap it and neatly lay the face covering to the side. That was another proof that Jesus was risen from the dead.

III. Jesus said He would not eat or drink until the kingdom is here (Luke 22:15-18).

- A. This signified that the kingdom had come (Luke 24:36-43).
- B. We were placed into the kingdom of God when we were born again (Col 1:12-14).
- C. If you are in the kingdom of God, you ought to be glad (Rom 14:17).

IV. What does it all mean?

- A. The energy (*energia*) that raised Jesus from the dead is in you (Eph 1:16-23)!

B. You can win, knowing that power is in you.

1. You can be strengthened as you walk in love with others (Eph 3:14-20).
 2. You can *grab with full strength*.
- C. Speak the love of the anointing—Christ by the power
D. You must have knowledge, the love of God and the faith of God.
E. A Word of the Lord: You may say, *I don't see how...* God is saying, "*You don't have to see how...* Instead say *I know...* The power causes the mountain to be removed. So, walk in love with your brother... There's no limit for you. He gives you more than you ask.

V. Luke 22:31, 32: Jesus prayed for Peter.

- A. Peter harmed a man because he slept instead of prayed (Luke 22:61-62).
B. Peter was crushed. This scripture is important (John 20:21-23).
C. The majority of the disciples were with Peter (John 21:1-8). He backslid.
D. This same miracle happened when He first met Jesus (V3-8).
E. You can't get away. You will have to face the Lord.

VI. John 21:12: Peter was restored. Jesus went past the others, straight to Peter.

- A. *Agape* means *to count someone as valuable and precious*.
B. *Phileo* is *friendship, fondness, affection*. What you would feel for a friend.
C. John 21:15-16: Jesus asked, *Do you agape me?* Peter said, *I phileo you*.
D. John 21:17: Jesus asked, *Do you phileo me?* Peter said, *I phileo you*.
E. Yet the Lord didn't give up on him; He didn't release him from his assignment.
F. Peter came to the meeting (Acts 1:8-14, 15-26)!

VII. Acts 2:1-36: We can see Jesus' prayers working in Peter's life. Peter preached!

- A. He ministers to the man at the gate beautiful (Acts 3:1-26).
B. With Peter's leadership, great grace was upon them all (Acts 4:8-33).
C. People wanted to just get within Peter's shadow, to be healed (Acts 5:12).
D. God will restore you when you go to Him (1 John 1:9).
E. You must do your assignment. God will do more with you that you could imagine.
F. Peter is called a pillar of the church. That's what you can have.

VIII. Heb. 2:9, 14-15: Coronavirus is fear of death.

- A. Jesus delivered you from the fear of death so you would not be bound.
B. Fear releases Satan to harm you. Faith releases God's power to protect you.
C. Jesus came to release you from fear of death. Fear not!
D. Stop the fear! Refuse to fear coronavirus.
E. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.
F. Jesus released you from fear of death!!

Closing Summary

God truly kept His promise to redeem mankind. If you receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, fear has no hold on you anymore. Being set free from fear, you can stand up in the face of sickness, disease, plagues, fear and lack and say, *I refuse to fear!* And you can do what God has called you to do. When you refuse to fear, but rather

decide to have faith (trust and reliance) in God, the power of God will manifest for you.