

Generation of Promise

Acts 2:39

For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord Our God shall call.

Acts 2:38

Peter said "Repent, turn from your evil and sinful life and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the Forgiveness / remission of sins and you shall surely receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This is a promise-guarantee- it's for you, your children, your children's children, and so forth as many as God calls. And Peter said, "Save yourself from this untoward-crooked generation."

I struggled with the theme "Generation of Promise" according to Philippians 2:15 we are in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Just as the Pharisees and Sadducees according to Matthew 16:4 we are living in similar times of a wicked and adulterous generation. This is not just a perverse generation but according to Matthew 17:17 this is a faithless generation.

I mean I struggle with "Generation of Promise" because all I could come up with is a faithless, perverse, crooked, Wicked, and adulterous generation. (But how many know you have to be obedient and stay with the theme) - I come with good news today. Psalms 90:1 states that the Lord is our Dwelling Place. In the midst of this evil and wicked world - God is our Dwelling Place. He's present in all generations from Everlasting to Everlasting. God is our refuge in a faithless, perverse, crooked, wicked, and adulterous generation.

According to 2 Corinthians 1:20 all the promises of God in him are yes and in him Amen.

First I'm going to reflect on some promises which are simple (basic) as A, B, C and then I'll move on to something else..., John 3:16 This promise is to whosoever believeth. If you believe in Jesus you will not perish, you will have everlasting life. This is a promise of God to whosoever believes in his son. God will never leave you nor forsake you - Hebrews 13:15 God is always with you. Young people if you want to live long just honor, respect, and obey your parents. Exodus 20:12, honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:31-33 do not worry about what we are going to eat, drink, and wear because he knows what we need - instead he tells us to first seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all the things we need will be given unto us. PPhilippians 4:19 God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in Glory by Christ Jesus. Isn't that just as simple as A, B, C - to believe in Jesus and you

will have everlasting life, to honor your parents and you will live long, to seek God and his righteousness and he will supply everything you need - real simple.

There's benefits to being a believer ->

Benefit package-

Forgiveness-God forgives all our iniquities

Healing- God heals all our diseases

Redemption - God redeems our life from destruction

God crowns you with his loving-kindness and tender mercies.

God satisfies our mouth with good things. - Oh taste and see that the Lord is good and his mercy endureth forever. Great Is Thy Faithfulness his mercies are new every morning - it is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because the Lord's compassion fails not, blessed be the Lord, daily loadeth us with benefits. Believers - we have a benefit package.

Now let's talk about favor - the favor of God on the life of a Believer. When the favor of God is on your life, your present situation/condition nor your surrounding, meaning I don't care what neighborhood you live in, what level of Education you got, or how much money you got in the bank - when the favor of God is on your life - doors will open, curses will be broken and blessings shall flow. Ask Ruth - she had All odds working against her. She was a widow, a stranger in the land, a moabite and yet she asked "Let me find favor in thy sight". She obtained favor from Boaz and he married her. Favor can bring the right companion into your life. Favor can also save lives - ask Queen Esther. Haman had set out to destroy the entire nation, but Queen Esther went before the king and without permission, she could have been killed, but the Bible said she obtained favor in the sight of the king. She was a wise woman with a wise plan and in the end Haman was hung/put to death. Queen Esther, with the favor of God, saved her people. Favor - when the children of Israel came out of bondage. They came out of Egypt with silver and gold because the Lord had given the Israelites favor in the sight of the Egyptians. The Egyptians gave the Israelites what they asked for, so they took away all the goods of the Egyptians. Favor - the favor of God will make your enemies bless you.

Generation of promise - when I think of that I think of curses turning into blessings because Jesus became a cure for us so that we may inherit the blessing of God. Somehow, God is able to make all things work together for our good. Mephibosheth (meh-Fihb-o-shehth) can testify to that. He was five years old when something tragic happened to him. He was of the Royal Family - son of Jonathan and grandson of King Saul. His father and grandfather were killed in battle. When his nurse heard the devastating news she fled with him in her arms but along the way she dropped him and

he became disabled/crippled. What a tragedy. They ended up in Lo-debar, a place of destitute, no pasture but somehow he found safety in his hiding. (sometimes people become comfortable in a low state) Sometimes people get so used to being down that they conform to their surroundings. Some years later when King David had defeated all adversaries of Israel he thought of the Jonathan family. When he discovered that Mephibosheth was alive and in Lodebar - he sent a messenger for him. Mephibosheth was afraid - he already felt that life was unfair and that he was cursed and now he feels doomed. But little did he know his life was about to change for the good. Someone say - BETTER.

You may have been through hell and high water - you may have been victimized, paralyzed, a cripple, an outcast, the black sheep of the family, whatever your problem is or was - know this. If the favor of God is on your life then God is going to turn that curse into a blessing.

Somebody say better - King David said to Mephibosheth, " Don't be afraid - for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father-". Generation of promise "-it is for your children, I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather." Favor "-it is for your grandchildren - you will always eat at my table -" Favor "-it is for you." Mephibosheth couldn't believe what he was hearing.

Bountiful blessings
Overflow
Prosperity
Peace

You will eat at the king's table for the rest of your life!!!!
Isaiah 54:17 no weapon formed against you shall prosper

That's why David said bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name.