



"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." – Luke 1:38

God's Promises and My Responsibilities

2nd Sunday of Kiahk

Introduction

Last week:

- Why would God enter a covenant with us?
- Why do we sometimes doubt His promises?

Today

- The importance of God's promises
- Sample of God's promises
- My responsibilities regarding His promises

The Importance of God's Promises

His promises are sure

- "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Num. 23:19)
- "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (2 Cor. 1:20)



Provide the substance of our hope

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Heb. 10:23)

“Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.” (Ps. 146:3)

“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!”
(Lam. 3:24)

Provide the substance of our hope

- EX: Martyrs
- “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matt. 5:11-12)
- “...he who loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matt. 10:39)



God's Promise

Our Salvation

- "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Lk. 12:32)
- "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live." (Ezk. 33:11)
- "...neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." (Jn. 10:28)



Our Acceptance

- “Return to Me, and I will return to you...” (Mal. 3:7)
- EX: Prodigal Son



Renewed Life

- “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezk. 36:26)
 - EX: Zacchaeus
 - EX: Saul of Tarsus
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My responsibilities towards God's promises

1. Know them
2. Believe them
 - EX: His promises encourage us to live in purity
 - “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
(2 Cor. 7)

Rejoice
IN THE
LORD
ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT
AGAIN:
Rejoice
PHILIPPIANS 4:4

My responsibilities
towards God's promises

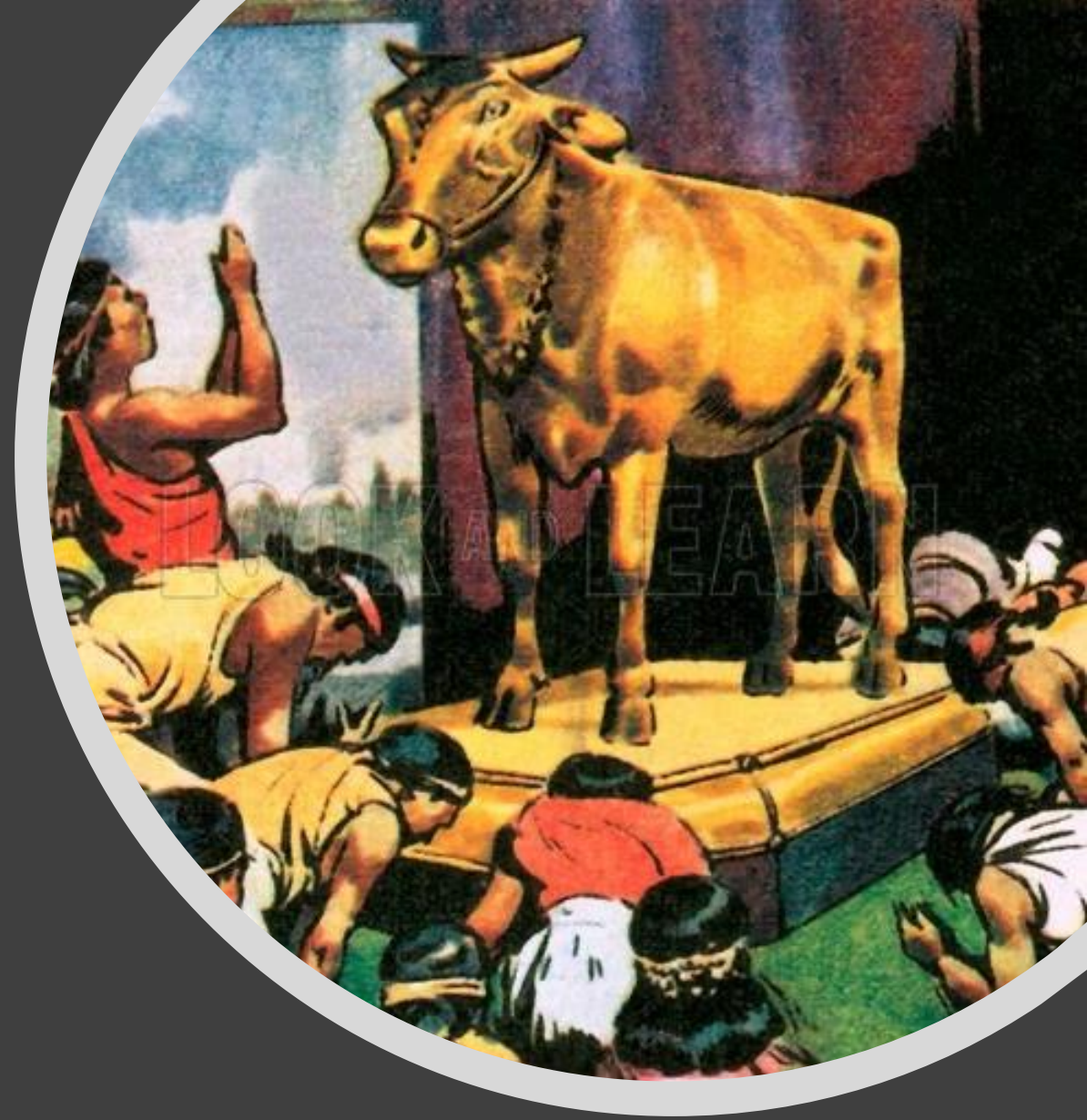
3. Rejoice in them

- "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Is. 7:14)
- And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior." (Lk. 1:47)

My responsibilities towards God's promises

4. Remind Him of His promises

- EX: Moses reminds God of His promise to save Israel
 - Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?... Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " (Ex. 32:11,13)



My responsibilities towards God's promises

5. Struggle in them

- There are some promises that are conditional
 - “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn. 1:9)
 - “...if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mk. 11:26)

Summary

The Importance of God's Promises

- His promises are sure
- Provide the substance of our hope

God's Promises

- Our Salvation
- Our Acceptance (Open Bosom)
- Renewed Life

What are my responsibilities towards God's promises?

- Know them
- Believe them
- Rejoice in them
- Remind Him of His promises
- Struggle in them