

## Promises, Promises Part 3

### “Intimate Promises from God”

John 1:9-13

“God is God and I am not and I am committed to be a witness of Him in both Word and Deed”

**Introduction:** In this final message I want to share with some very intimate details of the relationship between God and his people.

A. We have seen in scripture that the promises to God’s people hinge on the promise that Jesus is redeemer and King of our lives.

1. And again I feel compelled to emphasize that promises are only as good as someone has the power to deliver on them.

➤ Listen to the first few words in our Bibles

- *In the beginning (B) God (C) created the heavens and the earth*

- The name of God here is the name “Elohim” it comes from the Hebrew root word for power and strength.

= Church, when the power of God speaks it always has results!

- There is no question to the faithfulness of God to His promises because He is no way limited in power to do that which He says He will do.

= I recently heard a quote from a popular preacher from Houston Texas who said that he has come to the realization that He must give God permission to bless him and the more permission that he gives God the more he is blessed.

- Church, God does not ask nor does He desire our permission for anything He simply acts in the power of His will!

= And He can and will fulfill all His promises!

**Transition:** This morning I want share with to you the intimate promise that God has made to man.

### READ John 1:12-13

- It is important that we see who this intimate promise is made to.
  - A. John writes in our text this morning: But as many as receive Him.
    - 1. This is a statement concerning individuals.
      - We do not inherit our relationship with God through our grandparents or our parents or our husband or our wife.
  - B. Those that inherit the intimate promise of God are those that have received him as Lord of their life.
    - 1. But before we get misled let me say that this is truly an act of God and not of ourselves.
- Verse 13 *who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor, of the will of man, but of God.*

**Transition:** So the ones that receive this intimate promise from God are the ones that have received the Christ of the scripture, thee Christ!

- A. Let me share with you this morning some details of God to us as individuals.
  - 1. # 1 We have Rights.
    - I. **The Believers Rights** verse 12
      - A. This word “right” is the Greek word “exousia” and it means having permission.

1. In the context of this passage of scripture it does not mean that we as a believer have the right to demand anything of God.

- We often make that mistake when we pray: you are a loving God, and if you love someone then you should give them anything they want.

■ That is a misconception of love.

- That church is not prayer; prayer is the leading of the Holy Spirit of God that God's will and power be exhibited in our lives.

B. Unlike like some have said as I referenced earlier we do not give permission to God it is through God's will and grace we have been granted permission to become His children.

- Way too much emphasis has been place on what a man must do and not enough on what God is doing. I heard recently a child being disciplined and the parent said to the child why won't you do what I am telling you to do, to which the youngster responded "I don't want to" to which the parent responded you don't have a choice and the child was made to do not its own will but the will of the on in control of what was best for them.

(And there needs to be more parenting like that by the way, another message another

time)

- Church we have right to the intimate promise of God not because we demand or because we chose it.
- We have it because thee Holy God, Jehovah, Eloihem ordains it!

C. Verse 13 "nor of the will of man" we do not have the right to be God's children because we want to.

1. But because it pleased God to send His only begotten son Jesus Christ to be our propitiation, our redeemer and savoir.

**Transition: The intimate promise of God is that we will be His children there is nothing more intimate and close as to experience our heavenly Father as a father.**

## **II. A Promise to be His Child verse 12**

A. I want you to see the enormity of this phrase “children of God”

1. People are impressed by where you come from.

- Who is your mom and dad what do they do where did they come from when people ask these questions that are trying to figure out who you are.

B. As a believer we could be ask that question “Who is your Father and what does He do?”

1. To which we should respond He is Jehovah God and He Does Everything!

C. The promise that we are the children of God is all encompassing:

1. What does a child need from the Father?

- Security: God said He would never leave us or forsake us.
  - He said greater is He that is in us then He that is in the world

= What does a child need from a Father?

- Nourishment: Jesus said he is the bread of life.
  - He told the lady at the well if she drank of the water that she would give her she would never thirst again.

= What does a child need from a Father?

- Wisdom: God says if any man lacks wisdom let him ask God who gives to all men generously.

= What does a child need from a Father?

- Closeness: James writes draw to God and He will draw near to you

= What does a child need from a Father?

- Encouragement: Humble yourself in the presence of God and He will exalt you
  - The list could go on and on because the truth is we need God to be everything and He is everything that we need.
- D. The intimate promise of God that we have been given permission to be His child to have a personal relationship is beyond description.

**Transition:** Before I give with some final thoughts from this passage I do not want to leave this thought with saying that there is so much more to the promise of being a child of God then could be expressed this amount of time.

1. It is as if, even though there untold millions of people that are the children of God; it is as if we are each an only child.
  2. There is so much that we have in this personal and intimate relationship that a human tongue cannot express it.
- To say that because we are a child of God that he is our everything still falls short of explaining how His Spirit bears witness to ours.
- In those dark hours when nothing seems right and nothing is working and our lives literally seem to be falling apart.
- **We still have the promise that to as many as receive him to them He gave the right to become a child of God!**

= One more point before we close.

Verse 13 The promise belongs to God

### III. The Promise is God's verse 13

A. "born not of blood" We are not the children of God because of our blood type: David said

1. Behold, I was <sup>(A)</sup>brought forth in iniquity,  
And in sin my mother conceived me.

■ The truth is that none of us came from very good stock.

➤ From the moment that we were conceived were separated from God by sin.

B. "nor of the will of the flesh" we are not God children because we want to be.

Paul wrote to the Romans

1. For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on <sup>(A)</sup>the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, <sup>(B)</sup>the things of the Spirit.

•<sup>(C)</sup>For the mind set on the flesh is <sup>(D)</sup>death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

•because the mind set on the flesh is <sup>(E)</sup>hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,

•and those who are <sup>(F)</sup>in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:5-8

C. "nor of the will of man" we are children of God because we willed it to happen.

1. Until man is regenerated by the grace of God he is incapable of recognizing Christ for who He is.

= So man is not a child of God because he is in a family of believer's (blood line) nor is it because in his flesh he has done great works, and not because man wills it to be son.

■ **We are children of Jehovah God because of God!**

➤ **READ 13** This is God's promise and we belong to Him!

**Close:** let me leave you with this thought

A. When we are promised something by someone we always take with a grain of salt knowing that even though the promise is sincere it can be broken.

■ **But the promises of God are true and faithful**

- We can rest in them, we can find strength in them, we can live in them because are God is faithful!

= This morning God's Word will challenge us, and it will given us great courage knowing that in Christ we experience the promise of God.

B. But I believe that I would be remiss if I did not include one more promise of God as assured as the believer has the promise of eternal life in the presence of God.

1. The unbeliever has a promise of eternal damnation in the fiery pits of Hell.

➤ I do not tell you that this morning to scare you or cause you to step through certain steps to avoid Hell.

- God does not make idle threats to get you to react to Him.

■ I tell you that because the charge in the scripture is to preach the whole council of God.

➤ God will be faithful to His promises.

