

Update on Mariah Yanes: She has been placed on the "To Receive A Heart" list. Continue to pray for Mariah; that she comes home soon.

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THE PROMISE OF GOD

(Consider all Promises as One)

"For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant," Ps 105:42.

For most believers, a change is needed in the way we view God's Promise (s). The promises of God should be seen consisting within just one promise. All blessings that are within other promises, flow out from the very first promise that God made: **"Let there be light," Genesis 1:3.**

To wrap our hearts around this, we are to remember that all things were prepared from the laying down of the foundation of the world. Before God created anything, He had the solution for what man was going to do; an answer that would come from Jesus, when He said, **"It is finished."** In God there is unity.

Let's begin with God. Knowing that all promises emanate from and by God, Himself, allows us to see God's plan as one. In this unfolding, we see all promises fall consistently in line with His Divine and Almighty being. The plan is solidly fixed within the Almighty. It has a sound of a song presented in four part harmony.

When God's promise is viewed as **one** promise and therefore, one plan, harmony within the plan cannot be missed. Each promise - whether, an Old or New Covenant precept, becomes a stone that builds the foundation to God's salvation and, hence, His plan for man. His plan is for now and for the coming ages.

As each promise is given, we see it supporting each of the other promises. As we view Adam in the Garden, for example, we know that man will live on the earth, under God's rulership.

Yes, man sinned, but God promised that man's Fall was a temporary one; that God would **"...put enmity between thee (serpent) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Jesus); it (woman's seed) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel," Gen 3:15.** Only a temporary fall of man was allowed by God. It ended at the cross.

Thus, as we view **'all promises as one,'** we see that all them coming from God and, in God's earthly plan, man has been promised to live on the earth, forever.

To accomplish this, God would become man, bruise Satan's head and recover man's promise of living on the earth. The once broken fellowship is restored in Jesus, bringing man and his Creator back into the **one-promised** plan. It is, for man, a sort of: "**I am My Father are One**" truth, as Jesus uttered in John 10:30.

Looking at all of God's promise (s) as being just one promise, forms a total picture that allows us to see **ONE** total congruous truth. We will see consistency that lies within a holy God, His Word and with His Son's teaching. The one promised plan ties all oracles of God together into one plan.

To me, thinking of God's promises as being a part of the one eternal promise, also ties together the Son's work of what He was to do - "**foreordained before the foundation of the world,**" with what He did when He uttered, "**It is finished,**" (1st Pe 1:20; He. 4:3; Jn 19:30).

All the promises came alive in Jesus. Without Him, man is dead in his trespasses and sins, yet. Without Jesus, man could not fulfill what He was told to do. God provided him with food and gave man dominion over every created beast. But, God also told him to, "**Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:**" Genesis 1:28. Jesus keeps man alive and this truth will not fail. In man's temptation, Jesus said, "**It is written**" (Mt. 4:4). Therefore, man shall replenish the earth.

Psalms 105:32, our verse underneath the title heading, reveals how the one plan will continue; which, takes root in Abraham right after eleven chapters of God's word expire. It's as if God is anxious to get man involved in His righteous plan, once again.

God promised Abraham that, "**...I will bless thee...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed,**" Gen 12:2. And, it is here that we must notice how the promised plan was passed on from Abraham to Isaac; it is by a birth; but, not just any birth.

Isaac's birth came only by a miracle - God intervening, touching Sarah's barren womb. It was by promise. The ONE PLAN moved to Abraham's son, Isaac; then, Isaac's son, Jacob had his name changed to Israel. Through Israel, man's spiritual history is unfolded. God's miracles continue on in history as He orders His plan, seeing to it that births occur: Samuel, David, et al.

Finally, Jesus is born presenting the spiritual aspect of God's ONE PLAN; which, becomes available to all who are of faith. As, Scripture explains, Jesus was Abraham's Seed and, as believers, we become heirs of the Abrahamic promise through faith in Jesus by being born of His spirit. Listen to Galatians 4:28. "**Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.**"

But, for equality with Jesus in the inheritance, we must learn what is taught in God's plan. Besides a birth, service is required; even, to the point of suffering.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together," Romans 8:16.

Suffering, in my thinking, means to allow it to be. Jesus told John, the Baptist: "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness, Matt. 3:15. Baptism and church membership is ordered by God's will. It's in the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20. We might not understand why, but we must do what the Word says to fulfill the bill. It is by faith, after all.

In Genesis, we see a regular progress of creation; as well as, its perfect adaptation to the end. Thus, God would say, "...Behold, it was very good." However, until the lamb lays down with the lion, God's promised will has yet to be completed on the earth; the kingdom has not come.

The Kingdom must wait until the Second Adam arrives in the Second Coming and sets up what the first Adam gave up, God's rulership over all the earth. However, and Hallelujah, once Jesus bursts the skies open and sets His feet on the mount of Olives (Zech 14:4), man shall be in control, forever. Until then, we continue to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Matthew 6:9.