

## **Pursuing the Promises of God**

*2 Cor 1:20-22 For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, 22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. NASU*

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Review:

#### **1. Where does faith come from?**

- Faith is given as a gift from God Ro. 12.3
- Faith increases as you hear God's word Ro. 10.17
- Faith grows stronger with use *Rom 4: 20,21*

#### **2. How is faith released?**

- You release your faith with your words! Mark 11:22-23
- You release faith thru worship! Psalm 27:13
- You release faith by willingness to stand on the promise! Eph 6:13

#### **3. How does faith unlock the promises?**

- Faith moves God!
- Faith destroys the limitations of time and space Matt 8:8-9

*8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed." NASU*

- Faith reveals the purpose of the promise! *Matt 8:13*

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### Reason #1

When the promise is fulfilled it produces joy Prov 13:12

*12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.*

- *The woman's outlook literally changed when He healed her*  
She was no longer looking down but up!

- *There is something about the joy that comes when it's finally here!*
- *The pain of labor is healed by the joy of the birth!*

### Reason #2

When the promise is fulfilled it condemns the enemy!

- Jesus was clear, "Satan bound her"
- The enemy is shown to be a temporary ruler - John 12:31-32  
*31 "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."*
- The fulfilled promise undermines all the word of the enemy Luke 13:31-33

*31 Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, "Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You." 32 And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.'" NASU*

### Reason #3

When the promise is fulfilled it glorifies God!

- The person who receives the promise glorifies god!
- The people that know about the promise glorify God!
- One day even the enemy will have to bow and glorify God!