

From The Pulpit

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LIFTED to HIM
(Emphasis on the Promises)

Text: "I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. O Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." (Psalms 34:4-8)

THE RIGHTEOUS MAN'S LIFE is marked with monuments and tokens of God's redemptive providences every hour of every day. If we seek Him, He hears us. If we seek Him, He delivers us. He saves us out of all our troubles. He delivers us from all our fears.

This descending ministry of our Lord keeps our chin up and our eyes lifted and our heart assured. The provision of the Promises is a great providence. The Divine provisions in the Promises are a reality in Christian experience.

The Promises bring to us great moments of revelation and reality. Yes, every man of God has sad moments and maybe bad moments but the Promises always give him glad moments. The Promises cause us to breathe in the heavenly and spiritual air.

The higher point of view is afforded by the gracious utterances of God. So many live day by day with dust in their eyes and confusion in their hearts and shadows across their faces. They have the lower point of view. They need the higher ground experience. The man in the Bible verses above can be seen rising in spirit and attainment. "They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles."

WE HAVE the PROMISE of FINDING GOD: "I sought the Lord. . ."

The kingdom of God comes to us in power through the Promises. The Promises amplify God's voice and His smile. Things of time and sense fall into the background. God becomes real. He is the Great Reality in our life.

The Promises encourage us to seek God on bended knees; to seek God with an open heart; to make a departure from the good to the better; to approach God with faith in our spirit; to continue until the contact is made and until we have received God into our being.

WE HAVE the PROMISE of BEING HEARD by the LORD: ". . .and He heard me. . ."

The Promises extend to us needed guidance, grace and gladness. This triple ministry reaches us in our sorrows, sickness, trials, cares and sins. A redemptive providence is constantly flowing to us through the Divine Promises. To be heard by the Lord is a gracious favor. The consciousness of being heard brings spiritual sunlight, inner courage, sustaining grace, direction for today, hope for tomorrow, warmth of heart and power and poise of life. His raiment



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English, Old Bible Courses at Bethel

CLASSES IN ENGLISH and the Old Testament are now being conducted by the first annual extension course of the Extension Seminar of the Southern and National Baptist Convention at Bethel Baptist Church.

Some 25 students have enrolled in the two classes, which are held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Mrs. Curtis Hall is the English instructor and Dr. James Reed is teaching the Old Testament. Extension course officers are the Revs. F. M. Gage, director; I. W. Wilson, dean, and A. J. Thompson, public relations chairman; Dr. Paul Martin, treasurer, and Mrs. I. W. Wilson, registrar.

Those interested may still enroll at tonight's (Oct. 7) sessions. Weekly fees are \$1 and text books are priced at \$2.10.

It was announced that the Rev. Wilson, Bethel pastor, who recently participated in a revival meeting in Oakland, Calif., has additional week-long revivals scheduled for Lafayette, Ill., and Chicago this month.

becomes shining in the Promises. We catch that light and our spirit sees new glory in Christ.

The Promises bring God within hearing distance. He says, "Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh, cleanse your hands ye sinners and purify your hearts ye double minded." We surmount all the barriers. Our telephone directory has these words on the front cover, "It means so much to keep in touch." The Promises serve as a sort of mediator between man and God. They are spark plugs in Christian living. They serve as a sparking agency, bringing life and power to the soul. The Promises are filled with God.

The Promises give us a feeling that we are receiving individual attention. The Promises are so personal. They possess us with the assurance that we are being heard. They put God in a responding mood! They present to us the supernatural ministry. They give us a consciousness of well-being. They are stars in our sky, a light in our heart and a lamp to our feet.

WE HAVE the PROMISE of BEING DELIVERED by the LORD: ". . .and (He) delivered me from all my fears."

God's providence is working for us and His grace is working in us constantly. This gives us the Promise of continual deliverance and then finally the ultimate deliverance.

The Promises lead us into a personal faith; they lift us to a bright attainment and they give us the experience of a blessed acceptance. They generate in us the right attitude toward God and things of His Kingdom.

The presence, in the mind, of any destructive emotion develops a negative personality which repels people and often perverts one into an antagonist. This path leads one into the shadows. We do not develop, as Christians, in the shadows. The sunlight of the soul is the native air.

The Bible is full of stories of deliverance. Notice the story of the third chapter of Daniel. The three young men said to the king, "And He will deliver us out of thy hand."

They had a great decision to make. They

were at the crossroads. They were surrounded by a sea of prostrated idol worshippers. They were in the midst of the roaring chant of blasphemous idolatry. The golden image was flashing in the sun. The greatest leaders of the empire were there. The infuriated emperor was threatening them with the super-heated furnace. But they did not seek his protection. They defied him. "Be it known unto thee O king, that we will not worship thy gods."

Indecision, doubt and fear are three major enemies. This trinity of evil powers will cancel out all of God's bright Promises with their darkness. Faith generated by the Promises will overcome this evil trio. The three young Hebrew men had the faith and assured the victory, and the light of their faces and testimony reaches into our generation.

THERE ARE SIX MAJOR FEARS THAT HOUND US. They are: 1. The fear of poverty. 2. The fear of ill-health. 3. The fear of criticism. 4. The fear of losing the love of someone held dear. 5. The fear of old age. 6. The fear of death and what follows.

The heart without Christ knows all the roads to disaster. The heart with Christ knows all the roads to deliverance. There is a difference.

The Promises create hope. The answer of hope is stated in I Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." The assurance of hope is stated in Romans 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit."

There is light in prayer, Bible reading, church attendance and in God's Promises. God knocks holes in the darkness of trouble, trials and temptation. God, in the Promises, turns our winds of adversity into breezes of blessedness. Fill your life today with the spirit and grace of the Promises.

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