

Title: Promises to Those Who Abide

Series: Covid-19...12

Text: Psalm 91:1; John 15:4 and 1 John 2:28

Introduction:

We are 1 week short of being under Covid-19 guidelines for one quarter of 2020. As of this date we are allowed to have 10 people in the building; as that changes we will advise the fellowship. We are continuing to work through the technology to utilize Facebook for Sunday morning and we are continuing to use Zoom for the Bible Study on Thursday evening and for the Sunday morning live service at 9:15 and we use Zoom for the coffee time as it allows a level of interactive sharing. The audio continues to be posted to the Church website.

Review of the last several weeks:

March 22 – Fear, Presumption and Faith

April 5 – Where Is God In This?

April 12 – Jesus, I Am The Resurrection

April 26 – Anxious About Nothing

May 10 - Mother's Day with the Blenkins

May 24 – Praying The Promises of God

March 29 – Prayer Summit

April 10, Good Friday – Victory Through A Lamb

April 19 – Burdens

May 3 – In The Father's Hand

May 17 – Prayer Keeps Me On Target

Last Sunday's devotional message was based on 2 Corinthians 1:19 – 22 and 1 John 5:13 – 15; and we considered:

1. Promise of the Holy Spirit:

Luke 11:1 – 13 (Our Helper and Comforter, teacher and convictor.)

2. Promise of Wisdom:

James 1:2 – 8

3. Promise of Holy Spirit Gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:1 – 11

4. Promise of Holy Spirit Strength:

Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through the Spirit who dwells in you."

Scripture:

Psalm 91:1, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty."

Read Psalm 91:1 - 6

John 15:4, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."

Read John 15:1 - 11

1 John 2:28, "And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming."

Read 1 John 2:18 - 29

1. Abide (meaning):

Psalm 91:1 – dwells (H3427) yashab: to dwell, have one's abode

abide (H3885) lun: to lodge to abide

John 15:4 - abide (G3306) meno: to remain, to continue to be, to wait for

1 John 2:28 – abide (G3306)

2. Promise of NO Fear:

Psalm 91:1 - 6

Psalm 91:1 – We will abide in the shadow of the Almighty

We may not see Him but are keenly aware of His presence!

Psalm 91:3 – He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
We have an enemy of our soul who will be unable to snare us!

Psalm 91:5 – You will not fear the terror of the night
He does not say that we will not have adversity (John 16:33) but His LOVE casts out fear.
1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

3. Promise of Fruit:

John 15:1 - 11

John 15:1 – “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.”

John 15:5 - ...he it is that bears much fruit

Galatians 5:22 – 25, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. (24) And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

John 15:7 – “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

Side note: There are some verses here that can cause anxiety if we do not embrace the Positive direction given. Verses 2 and 5 need to be understood in the light of all New Covenant teaching; 1 Timothy 1:18 – 20; 1 Corinthians 3 and 2 Corinthians 5:9 – 10. But this is a devotional for another time.

John 15:11 – “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

4. Promise of a Future:

1 John 2:18 -29

1 John 2:28, “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

Conclusion:

Just a Closer Walk With Thee:

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.