

Sunday, March 24, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Standing On The Promise

Series: Palm Sunday, 2024

Text: Genesis 12:1 -3, 7 and 2 Samuel 7:4 - 17

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the real possibility of standing on the promise of God but be out of time with the fulfillment of that promise.

Introduction:

~ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

This is the closing line that the Holy Spirit gives to each of the seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. It is not just for the seven churches nor is it restricted to that time. God is continually speaking to us, primarily through the Bible, but also through dreams, visions, and prophetic words – which we are commanded to test (1 Corinthians 14:29).

Palm Sunday is a dramatic illustration of the fact that it is possible for people to stand on a true promise of God, and yet, have only partial understanding of the promise and be out of the timing of God’s purpose and plan.

1. Promise to Abraham:

~ Genesis 12:1 – 3 and 7, “Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. (2) And I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (7) Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who appeared to him.”

~ Notice some of the elements of the promise of the LORD to Abram:

~ vs. 1, God would show him a land

~ vs. 2, God would make him a great nation

~ vs. 2, God would bless him and make Abram’s name great

~ vs. 2, God would make Abram a blessing to others and

~ in vs. 3 “all families of the earth shall be blessed.”

~ vs. 3, God would bless those who bless Abram and curse those who curse Abram

~ vs. 7, God said, “To your offspring I will give this land.”

2. Promise to David:

~ 2 Samuel 7:4 – 17

~ Notice some of the elements of the promise of the LORD to David:

~ vs. 9, “And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.”

~ vs. 10, “And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly.”

~ vs. 12, God would raise up an offspring after David (Matthew 1:1 – 17)

~ vs. 13, “He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

~ vs. 14 – 17, God promised a very special relationship would be established.

Notice in these verses that there is a partial fulfillment in David’s son Solomon but the fullness is only achieved in our Lord Jesus Christ! Through all those years and the captivities and the foreign occupations of the land the Hebrew kept looking for the promised King!

3. Promise Anticipated:

~ Luke 19:28 - 44

4. Promise of a Suffering Messiah King – Ignored:

~ Isaiah 52 and 53

Conclusion:

John 14:1 – 6

