

## **2-B**      Questions: God's Promises

1. **T** **F** All the promises in the Bible can be divided into two types: **conditional** & **unconditional**.  
**T** **F** There are about 7,500 promises in the Bible that God makes to mankind.  
**T** **F** The vast majority of the Bible promises God makes to mankind are **conditional**. God will fulfill His promise only if we perform or fulfill the condition(s) stated or implied in the promise.
2. **NUM 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (NIV)
3. **2PE 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge (epignosis) of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge (epignosis) of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (NKJ)
4. **What** is the **verb tense** of **2PE 1:3** above? Past tense \* **How much** of things that pertain to life and godliness has God **already given us**? All things \* **Through what** has God given us all things that pertain to life and godliness? Through the knowledge (epignosis) of God that comes through His exceedingly great & precious promises, by which we become partakers of the divine nature, thus escaping worldly corruption \* **Where are** these things that pertain to life and godliness? In heavenly places (EPH 1:3) which is in the spirit realm \* **How** are these things brought into manifestation in our lives? Through faith in the promises and knowledge (epignosis) brought about by the promises, through illumination by the Holy Spirit
5. **EPH 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (NKJ)  
\* **What** is the **verb tense** of **EPH 1:3** above? Past tense \* **How much** of these spiritual blessings has God already given us? EVERY spiritual blessing \* **How** has God given us these spiritual blessings? through His exceedingly great & precious promises, which are illuminated by the Holy Spirit, in turn giving us knowledge (epignosis) of HIM \* **Where** are these spiritual blessings? In heavenly places (the spiritual realm)  
\* **How** are these spiritual blessings **brought into manifestation** in our lives? Faith brings into manifestation in the natural realm what is already ours in the spirit realm. What is legally ours becomes actually or vitally ours !!
6. Write out **HEB 11:1**: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (NKJ)  
\* **Explain** this verse **in your own words**: God's Promises represent what God has ALREADY given to us in Christ. The Promises are the 'things hoped for'. Faith grasps what is legally ours in the Promise & demands possession of the promise as DONE ('Amen'). Faith considers not the circumstances, but only the Promise.
7. Write out **HEB 11:6**: But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (NKJ)  
\* **Explain** this verse **in your own words**: Faith is simply believing God's Promises, and considering Him faithful to fulfill them. Faith requires diligence in finding, praying, confessing & believing the Promise.
8. **Joshua 23:14** "Now I (Moses) am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that **not one** of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. (NIV)
9. **HEB 6:12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. (NIV) \* **Explain** this verse **in your own words**: Diligence, faith and patience are all necessary to bring what is Promised (legally ours) into manifestation as a vital reality in our lives, so that we fully experience what God promised.
10. Write down **HEB 10:23**: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope (faith = NKJ) without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (NKJ)  
\* **Explain** this verse in your own words: We are to confess constantly what God has promised, since this builds the very faith necessary for the fulfillment of the Promise. The answer to the Promise is inherent IN the Promise!
11. **T** **F** There is a difference between what is **legally** ours & what is **vitally** ours of all God has given us. That is, there are gifts from God that are **legally** ours, but we do not yet **possess** them as **vital realities** in our lives.
12. **ROM 4:16** Therefore it (**the promise**) is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations" ) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. (NKJ)

13. **1TI 4:8** For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that **now is** and of **that which is to come**. (NKJ)
14. **DEU 8:1** Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. (NKJ)
15. **HEB 4:2** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. (NKJ)
16. **MAT 11:12** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (NKJ)
- \* **1TI 6:12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (NKJ)
- \* **Explain MAT 11:12 & 1TI 6:12** in your own words: Just as the 'Promised Land' had to be taken by force, even though God 'had given' the Land to Israel, so also today Believers must take BY FORCE the Kingdom of Heaven of which we are already recipients. The Fight of Faith brings possession of what is legally ours and makes it truly or vitally ours in our lives.
17. Write out **MAT 6:9-10**: 9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. (NKJ)
18. **MAT 16:17** Jesus answered & said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (NKJ)
19. **GAL 3:16** Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (NKJ)
- \* **2CO 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are yes in Christ. And so through him the amen is spoken by US to the glory of God. (NIV)
- \* **Who** speaks the "**Amen**" to the promises given by God, according to **2CO 1:20**? We do !!!!
20. **Give scriptures** showing that **God often fulfills His promises in the children or descendants of the one(s) to whom He promised**: e.g. GAL 3:29, ROM 4:16, ACT 13:32-33; etc. ACT 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the PROMISE is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (NKJ)
21. **Why** are many of God's Promises in the **past tense**? The nature of faith is to 'see the end before the beginning' (ISA 48:5), or to 'speak of things that appear not as though they already are' (ROM 4:17) Since we are faith children of a faith God, WE are to see things in the SAME way: That is why the bible says we are to fix our eyes on 'what is unseen' (2CO 4:18), and that we are to 'walk by faith, not by sight' (2CO 5:7)
22. **What does it mean** to say, '**A man's word is his bond**', or '**He gave his word**'? That whatever we say becomes a promise of fulfillment, i.e. a contract of promised performance. The ultimate test of anyone's true character is whether they fulfill the bond of their word. God Himself is the ultimate example of this principle.
23. **Find scriptures** where God **swears** to a statement or promise: HEB 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." (NKJ) Also: HEB 6:13-20; GEN 22:15-18; 24:7; 26:3-4; EXO 32:12-13; 33:1; DEU 1:8-9; 431-32; 78-9, 12-13; 8:1,18; 28:9; JOS 1:6; 21:43-44; PSA 89:3,35,49; 105:9-10; JER 22:5; MIC 7:20; LUK 1:73; etc. \* Is this promise conditional or unconditional? **Unconditional !!!** DEU 28:9 The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, **IF YOU KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.** (NKJ) Also DEU 8:1
24. **Discuss the following statements**: '**Prayer is finding the will of God and agreeing with it**' and '**God only answers His own prayers**'. Are these statements true? Prayer is simply returning God's own promises to Him, i.e. reminding Him of His own covenant. God then will speak to our hearts to show US how we must fulfill the conditions of the promise, which may take some time & patience on our part. Once we fulfill the terms or conditions, God will fulfill the promise. Most of God's promises are conditional. In that sense, God truly only answers His own prayers, and Prayer can be defined as finding the will or Promise of God and agreeing with it !!!
25. **Summarize the important revelations or 'RHEMAS' you received in this lesson**: Answer for yourself