CHAPTER 8 - OT PROMISES OF GOD FOR HIS CHILDREN

GOD HAS GIVEN TO US MANY PRECIOUS PROMISES

*As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, who through the knowledge 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 we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Pe. 1:3-4).* p. 121

God is Faithful! He Will Accomplish All He Says He Will Do

Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord has spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass (Josh. 21:45). p. 121

*Your testimonies which You have commanded, are righteous and very **faithful** (Ps. 119:138).* p. 121

NT confirmation: *He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it (1 Thess. 5:24).* p. 121

His Presence is With Us

*Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will **not** **leave** **you** nor forsake you. … 8 And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed (Deu. 31:6, 8).* p. 122

*… For the LORD **will go before you**, and the God of Israel **will be your rear guard** (Is. 52:12b).* p. 122

- *Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been upheld by Me from birth, who have been carried from the womb; 4 Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs, I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and I will deliver you (Is. 46:3-4).* p. 122

He Promises to Strengthen Us

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, **my** **strength**, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold (Ps. 18:2).* p. 123

It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. 33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places (Ps. 18:32-33). p. 123

In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul (Ps. 138:3). p. 123

He Promises to Deliver and Rescue

He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. 17 ***He delivered me*** *from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.* 18 *They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support.* 19 *He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me (Ps. 18:16-19).* *p. 124* *[Note: "He sent from above" is to be understood as "He reached down"]*

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 *The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.* 19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all (Ps. 34:17-19).* *p. 124*

He Promises to Help us

But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. 40 *And the Lord shall help them and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him (Ps. 37:39-40).* *p. 124*

For I, the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, ***I will help you****.* 14 *Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you," says the Lord and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel (Is. 41:13,14).* *p. 125*

IMAGES OF GOD'S PROTECTIVE POWER

A. Shield: *Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield* (Ps. 33:20). *p. 126*

B. Hiding Place: *You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word* (Ps. 119:114). *p. 126*

C. Rock, Refuge, Fortress: *The Lord is my rock and my* ***fortress*** *and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold* (Ps 18:2). *p. 126*

D. Defense: *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved;* (Ps. 62:2). *p. 126*

E. Warrior: *Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle* (Ps. 24:8). *p. 127*