

# ORIGINS: *The Purpose of God's Promises*

Genesis 8:1-9:17

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## A FLOOD OF JUDGMENT BECAME A FLOOD OF GRACE...

*Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you...I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." (Genesis 9:8-9, 11)*

*And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (vv. 12-13) (see also vv. 14-17)*

*Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant... (1 Chronicles 16:15-17)*

## GOD'S PROMISES TEACH US \_\_\_\_\_.

*My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?"...Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. (Psalm 119:81-82, 140)*

*For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void...That is why it depends on faith, in*

*order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring... (Romans 4:14, 16)*

**GOD'S PROMISES ARE OUR \_\_\_\_\_.**

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Peter 1:3-4)*

**GOD'S PROMISES GIVE US \_\_\_\_\_.**

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)*

*For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you...all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. (2 Corinthians 1:19-20)*

## GOD'S PROMISES INVITE US TO GROW A

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*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. (Hebrews 11:6-7)*

*I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise. (Psalm 119:147-148)*

### CLAIM HIS PROMISES.

*And this is the promise that he made to us – eternal life. (1 John 2:25)*

*...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (Romans 10:9-10)*

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| <b>TAKE AWAY:</b> | <b>Pray over a few verses of Psalm 37 each day and claim God's promises.</b> |
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**NEXT WEEK IN ORIGINS: The “Naked Noah” Principle –  
Learning to Live Honorably (Genesis 9:18-28)**

**Legend:**

God's promises teach us God's grace.

God's promises are our only hope.

God's promises give us perspective.

God's promises invite us to grow a greater faith.

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