

Stake Your Claim
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Introduction

Stake your claim is a phrase that was first used in the mid 1800s to register a claim to land by marking it with stakes. Even today, when we buy a home we have to complete a survey which specifies where the property lines are. Before it is recorded, they normally put stakes on the grounds, so that property lines are clear. People began using this phrase figuratively by the end of the 1800s, simply meaning to stake your claim in whatever belongs to you.

The Bible is split into two covenants, the old covenant and the new covenant. A covenant can be defined as a promise (the old promise and the new promise). In order to have these promises manifest in our lives, we must **stake our claim**.

The following scriptures have a common theme. First there is an emphasis on God's Word, and second an emphasis on Gods promises attached to His Word.

Matthew 4:4 [NIV] Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Mark 16:20 [NIV] Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Isaiah 55:11 [NIV] So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Jeremiah 1:12 [AMP]¹² Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it."

Luke 16:17 [NKJV] And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.

The Promises of God

2 Peter 1:3-4 [NIV] ³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature...

2 Corinthians 1:20 [NKJV] For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

1. Forgiveness
 - a. If we confess and turn away from our sins, he will forgive our sins.
 - b. All that we owe for our sins has been paid through the blood of Jesus.

1 John 1:9 NIV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2. Protection

- a. No weapon that is formed against us shall prosper.
- b. There is no need to fear.
- c. No matter where we are, we can rest assured that God is with us.

Isaiah 43:2 [NIV]

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

3. Peace

- a. The Peace of God guards our hearts and minds.

John 14:27 [NIV]

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

4. Prosperity

- a. We don't have to go at it alone, God wants to help us, and he wants us to prosper.
- b. God doesn't want us to struggle. There are times of struggling, and then there should be times of victory and fruit.

Psalms 1:3 [NIV]

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

5. Success

- a. God wants us to be successful in our careers, families, and whatever we do. He wants to help us.
- b. This is a promise that is contingent upon what we do.

Joshua 1:8 [NKJV]

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

6. Healing

- a. We should not look outwardly or judge God's word in accordance to what's happening in someone else's life.
- b. Let God's word stand alone in our hearts and believe that his promises are for us.

Psalms 103:2-4 [NIV]

² Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

7. Salvation for our family
 - a. Believe by faith that as we pray and believe God for our family members, that he will intervene.
 - b. God will do everything he can to ensure our family members are saved.

Acts 16:31 [NIV]

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

8. Children
 - a. Our ability to have children is a promise from God. Know there can be complications, but it is still a promise of God.

Psalms 27:3 [NKJV]

Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb *is* a reward.

9. The Windows of Heaven Blessing
 - a. When we tithe, God can open up the windows of heaven and pour out blessings, this is something to be fought for, sought after, and cherished.
 - b. It is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to succeed.

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

10. Long Life
 - a. The bible promises us 3 score and 10, that is 70 years, then Genesis says a man's days will be 120. Meaning God promises us 70-120 years.
 - b. "Stake your claim" in it!

Psalms 91:16

With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

The promises of God are not automatic.

The promises of God are received by faith.

Discussion Questions

1. What is faith? *Confidence in God and His Word.*
2. What are three components of faith? *Believing, Speaking, Acting.*
3. How can you walk in these promises?
 - a. *Believe Gods promises.*
 - b. *Speak of his promises as if they are done. Let the weak say I am strong, and sick say I am healed.*
 - c. *Act on his promises. Act like he protects us. Act like he has forgiven us. Act like His peace is ours.*