

# God's Eternal Promises

Read Romans 15:8-12; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Over the centuries, God made all the rich and lavish promises described above.

- To Adam and Eve, trapped by sin and death, God promised a Deliverer.
- To Noah, facing overwhelming evil and annihilation, God promised a Life that would overcome all evil.
- To Abraham, enduring the curse of childlessness, God promised great blessing and a great nation.
- To Moses, struggling to deliver God's Word to a rebellious people, God promised His Word clearly spoken through human lips.
- To David, trapped by his mortality and wanting to build an enduring house for God, He promised an everlasting Kingdom.

God made these promises in specific times, places, and circumstances. Yet each of them are continuing to reach every time and every place. They are blessing every believer of every age and nation.

How have these promises come to expand so beautifully and reach so universally, beyond their original context?

- Each of them expresses God's love and mercy toward our fallen race. His love and mercy cannot be put in a box or kept on a leash. His heart reached out and made promises that cannot be limited by time, place, or circumstance.
- All these promises point toward Jesus Christ. He is the Lord of all history and the Savior of every time and nation and situation. His salvation extends to every son of Adam and every daughter of Eve. He is *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*" (John 1:29, NASB).

*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. (2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV)*

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