

GOD'S TWO GREAT PROMISES

John 10:1-18

Introduction:

1. Here is Jesus' discourse on the Good Shepherd.
2. Please notice verse 10.
3. When you examine God's Word you'll find that two great promises about life have been made by God to man.
4. Most people have heard of these but few have ever acted upon them.
5. These promises involved everyone of us.

I. LET US CONSIDER GOD'S PROMISE IN SALVATION.

A. This promise involves many things.

1. In salvation, God promises to forgive all sins.

Scripture: **I John 1:7** "*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*"

2. In salvation, God promises to make the believer one of His sons.

Scripture: **John 1:12-13** "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*"

Scripture: **Galatians 4:7** "*Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*"

3. In salvation, God promises peace.

Scripture: **Romans 5:1** "*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*"

4. In salvation, God promises eternal life to all who believe.

Scripture: **John 3:16**

B. However, this promise is contingent upon the man accepting God's pre-determined way of salvation.

1. Salvation includes recognition of a need to be saved.

2. Salvation includes repentance.

Scripture: **Luke 13:3** "... *Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*"

3. Salvation includes humility.

4. Salvation includes faith in Christ, the Saviour.

Scripture: **Ephesians 2:8-9** "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*"

II. LET US CONSIDER GOD'S PROMISE IN SERVICE (CHRISTIAN).

A. This promise involves many things.

1. In service, God promises material needs.

Scripture: **Matthew 6:25-34**

2. In service, God promises much fruit will result.

Scripture: **John 15:5** "*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*"

3. In service, God promises grace and answer to prayer for every trial of life.

- a. In time of need, God promises to be there.

Scripture: **Philippians 4:13** "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*"

b. In prayer, God promises to hear.

Scripture: **Matthew 21:22** “*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*”

B. However, this promise in service is contingent upon the child of God putting God first in his life. (**Matthew 6:33** “*... seek ye first the kingdom of God ...*”)

1. This service must be with dedication.

Scripture: **Romans 12:1** “*... present your bodies a living sacrifice ...*”

Illustration: Uncle John

2. This service must be based upon love.

a. This is a love for the Father

b. This is a love for each other.

Scripture: **Matthew 22:37-39** “*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*”

3. This service must be with sacrifice.

Illustration: Will God forgive.

Scripture: **Matthew 16:24** “*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*”

Conclusion:

1. This involves two kinds of life . . . soul life . . . and physical life.

2. Some only go half way.

3. Are you a half way Christian?