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Do the Promises in the Old Covenant Apply to Believers Today?

God made many wonderful promises to His people under the Old Covenant. But do these promises apply to Christians under the New Covenant? The answer is of major importance to believers today.

Old Covenant Promises

The Old Covenant promises covered all aspects of life, including health, finances, safety, long life, renewal of strength and youth, family, household affairs, work, etc. The promised benefits are listed in numerous scriptures, for example Deuteronomy 6, 7, 8 and 28, and Psalms 91 and 103.

What About Jews who Became Christians in the Early Church

If the Old Covenant promises do not apply to Christians, did Jews lose these promises when they became believers in the early church?

If yes, they would surely have made this clear when proclaiming the New Covenant to other Jews!

On the other hand, if they retained the promises, they would have had a better covenant than Gentile Christians. Neither of these outcomes line up with the Scriptures.

The Answer

The Apostle Paul gives us the answer in 2 Corinthians 1:20:

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."

"All" must include the promises in the Old Testament, which was the only Bible the early church had when Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians. As all the promises of God are yes in Him (Jesus), then they applied to both Jewish and Gentile believers in Paul's day, and must still apply to all believers today because we have the same New Covenant!

Don't be Sluggish

Hebrews 6:12 urges us to:

"not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

and 2 Corinthians 1:20 quoted above tells us that, as we do this, we not only receive God's benefits but we bring Him glory.

It also is a testimony to others of the reality of His presence in our lives.

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