



## Deconstructing the Promises of God

### I. The Purpose of God's Promises

1. God wants to RESCUE and REDEEM a prodigal and rebellious people to a relationship with Him
2. God's promises are designed to NURTURE, ESTABLISH, ENRICH and TRANSFORM that relationship.
3. God's promises are built on 4 pillars. His JUSTICE, HOLINESS, GOODNESS & GRACE, and His TRUTH.

Psalms 99:9

Isaiah 30:18

Psalms 34:8

John 17:17

4. God's promises demonstrate His CHARACTER AND ATTRIBUTES (mercy, strength, power, wisdom, love, grace, sovereignty, etc.) , not ours.
5. God is a faithful promise keeper.

Romans 4:21

2 Peter 1:4

Hebrews 10:23

Deuteronomy 7:9

- II. The Old Testament and the New Testament each contain God's perpetual promise to His people namely, I will be your God and you will be my people.

1. Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-9

Exodus 19:5

2. New Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 3:16

Hebrews 12:24

Revelation 21:3

- III. All promises of God must be understood in the context of these perpetual promises and God's desire to be in relationship with us. As a child of God we are heirs to His promises.

Hebrews 6:17

Romans 8:17

- IV. In order to deconstruct God's promises so as to ascertain their power and purpose in our lives and in our relationship with Him, we must explore 3 key questions for any particular promise

1. What is God promising?

a. Is it a blessing or a consequence?

b. What is the context in which it is made in scripture, to whom is it directed, is it repeated? Is it made anywhere else in Scripture?

c. What are the key words in the promise?

d. What do the key words mean, are they used elsewhere in Scripture?

2. How does God want me to respond to this promise?

a. Does God want me to do something or refrain from doing something?

b. How am I to go about doing/not doing what God has called me to do?

c. What will be the result of my disobedience to His calling?

d. What does embracing the promise look like in my life?

e. Where is God's power in the promise?

3. Why is this promise important to:

God?

Me?

Our covenant relationship?