

9. The Promises of God and Purity

God is a Promise Giver and a Promise Keeper. God's promises are through out all the Scriptures. It is only the man of faith that will claim these promises and start to reap the benefits. Knowing and believing key promises from God are foundational in the quest to get pure and to stay pure.

You cannot and will not win the battle for purity and holiness unless through faith, you start claiming and believing the promises of God.

Read the following promises. Note carefully the role promises play in the battle for purity.

2 Cor 7:1 Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Peter 1:3,4 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Cor 1:20 For 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.

Psa 12:6 (Amp) The words and promises of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times over.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

MEMORIZE: 2 Peter 1:3, 4

Questions:

1. What is the significance of the promises of God in purity?
2. Which promises of God have you claimed and that are important to you in your battle for purity?
3. What is the connection between faith, the promises of God and protection against demonic attack?
4. Pick one of the verses and answer: What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

5. How can I apply the truth of this verse to my life today?

Discussion: How can we know if a promise written thousands of years ago in the Bible is still applicable for us today? If you meet the conditions of a promise of God, how can you KNOW that God will 'do His part'? Read out loud 2 Peter 1:3,4. Break it down phrase by phrase and discuss each section.