



Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Pass The Promise Series, Lesson 26

Lesson Title: Series Review

Take Home Point: Catch God's promise when it's passed to you.

Warm-Up:

Most people like surprises (at least pleasant ones!). It's added fun if the recipient knows a surprise is coming. I have played a game with my children for years. When I will tell them I have a surprise for them, they almost always ask, "What is it?" And invariably I respond, "If I told you, it wouldn't be a surprise!" We like to surprise each other with gifts at Christmas. An unopened gift is a kind of promise. There is a tag that has a name on it so you know who it is for, and usually who the giver is. The receiver is eager to find out what it is, but has to wait until the right time to receive it.

Read: Hebrews 11:1-40

Observation (What happened?):

What verse in Genesis is the first time God promised to send a rescuer to crush the power of sin and death?

What key word is used throughout Hebrews 11?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Do you believe the people who were passed the promise in the Old Testament understood exactly how God would fulfill his promise?

How does God want us to react to his promise?

Insight:

As you read through the Genesis account, consider all the times God visited or spoke to those to whom he gave his promises. It's a lot! He spoke to Adam and Eve, spending time with them in the garden. Even after their sin, he spoke comfort to them. Enoch walked with God. Noah received instructions directly from God to rescue his family for the future of mankind. Abraham was frequently visited by God. The Lord told him to go to a distant land; he promised Abraham a son; he made a covenant with Abraham; he told Abraham what he was going to do to Sodom and Gomorrah; he repeated his promise several times. And God spoke to Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. He intervened in their lives. He got personal with them. If God did it then, how much more is he doing it today for those of us who have experienced the fulfillment of his promise through Jesus Christ our Rescuer! What a wonderful, compassionate, personal God we know!

Application (What does it mean to me?):

Have all of God's promises been fulfilled yet? How do you show God your faith on a daily basis?

Take some time right now to thank God for his promises and his work to bring us back into relationship with him.