

Promises Not Panic Day 35 5/1/2020

Greatest promise of OT is Messiah, Jesus, greatest in NT is promise of Holy Spirit!

Acts 1:4-5 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Beloved- we're going to spend the next several sessions unpacking what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit... "you have heard from Me".

Luk 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Ask- beg, crave, hunger- Our degree of ask reveals our degree of desire!

Disciples desire- "wait" waited, obeyed, prayed, hungered, received.

Fact- their actions revealed they had a very strong desire to receive and experience the Holy Spirit. Their "ask" was strong, craving, hungering!

Joh 7:37-39 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (Spirit given after Jesus was glorified, resurrected).

Thirsty- come to Jesus and drink! Not religion, not principles or precepts, Person!

Believers- receive a river of living waters that rushes from their hearts!

As the scriptures says- not a direct quote, but rather the totality of the promise of new life that would be found in Messiah.

Living water - Fountains, ever-flowing streams. That is, the gospel shall be constant and life-giving in its blessings. We learn here:

1. That it is the nature of Christian life to be diffusive.
2. That no man can believe on Jesus who does not desire that others should also, and who will not seek it.
3. That the desire is large and liberal - that the Christian desires the salvation of all the world.
4. That the faith of the believer must be connected with the influence of the Holy Spirit, and in that way, Christians are to be like rivers of living water.

Communion-

Prayer-

Share-