

Kneeling on the Promises of God

Elijah: A Man of Heroism and Humility

Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 4:12-19*

- A. A major part of God's unchanging nature is that he keeps his promises.
- B. It was because of a promise of God that Elijah came on the biblical scene in the first place.
- C. In *1 Kings 18:1*, we find a promise of God that the people had been waiting on for a long time.

I. Some Clarifying Comments About Bible Promises

- A. The Bible is full of promises—an estimated 7,500!
- B. A question worth pondering: “Can we claim every one of those promises personally?”
- C. Not all promises found in the Bible are for us to claim—into which category does it fall?
 1. Is it one of those **specific** promises that was meant for a **unique** situation?
 2. Is it one of those **general** promises that was meant for **universal** application?
 3. Check the context!
 4. Examples of promises to **specific** individuals in **unique** situations.
 - a. *Joshua 6:3-5* — God's promise to Joshua.
 - b. *Mark 16:18* — Jesus' promise to his apostles.
 5. Examples of **universal** promises we are encouraged to **joyfully** claim.
 - a. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
 - b. *Isaiah 41:10*
 - c. *1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*
 - d. *1 Peter 4:12-17*

II. Elijah Claims A Promise (*1 Kings 18*)

- A. Knowing that God keeps his promises, Elijah had no problem issuing a command (*18:41*).
- B. Four wonderful components to Elijah's prayer as he claimed God's promise.
 1. He _____ himself (*18:42*).
 2. He _____ himself (*18:42*).
 3. He was _____ (*18:43*).
 4. He was _____ (*18:44*).
- C. Elijah's God was the God who keeps his promises (*18:45-46*).