

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do we become partakers of God's promises?
2. How has God shown His faithfulness to fulfill promises? In your life?
3. What might cause a person to doubt the promises of God?

### SUMMARY:

A promise is only as good as its source. A promise by someone who is unable to fulfill it is meaningless. We have all experienced the frustration and disappointment of unfulfilled promises. For this very reason the average person is wary of putting all his hopes upon even the promises of God, especially if and when the fulfillment of them seems very unlikely by all human reasoning. But let us be like Abraham who "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able to perform." (Romans 4:20-21)

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

May 4, 2003

Second Quarter

## GOD'S FAITHFUL PROMISES

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**LESSON TEXT:** *2 Samuel 7:1-29*

**LESSON SETTING:** The Ark is returned to Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 1042 B.C.

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### I. DAVID'S DEVOTION TO GOD. 2 Samuel 7:1-3

- A. David's Desire (vs. 2)
- B. Nathan's First Answer—Not From God (vs. 3)

### II. GOD'S RESPONSE TO DAVID'S DEVOTION. 2 Samuel 7:4-17

- A. God Speaks to Nathan (vs. 4)
- B. Nathan's Second Answer—from God (vs. 5-17)
- C. God's Promises to Bless the House of David (vs. 12-16)
- D. Solomon to Build the Temple (vs. 13)

### III. DAVID'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S PROMISES. 2 Samuel 7:18-29

- A. David Humbled (vs. 18-29)
- B. David Praises God (vs. 18-29)
- C. David Believes God's promises (vs. 28-29)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THERE HATH NOT FAILED ONE WORD OF ALL HIS GOOD PROMISE.*

1 Kings 8:56

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 2 Samuel 9:1-13; Psalm 85:7-13

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 2 Samuel 29:12-17; 1:1-27;  
Ephesians 4:29-32

**QUARTERLY THEME:** David The King

**TOPIC:** THE ART OF KINDNESS

**INTRODUCTION:**

The prerequisite for true kindness is to love the Lord (Psalm 116:1). David leaned on and trusted God in his low ebbs and his high spots of life. Although David just returned from a successful and victorious campaign he still had time to show kindness to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan. David searched for Jonathan's son to bestow his kindness on him. David restored all of Mephibosheth's forefathers' possessions to him. David's friendship was not only surface deep, but true and genuine.

Kindness is desired by all to sustain us in our spiritual life. The need of kindness shown by us is essential for growth of the church of Christ. A CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT is imperative to show thoughtfulness for the welfare of others.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** The kindness of God is shown in His mercy towards the unlovely and the unworthy.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER.* Ephesians 4:32

To strive for perfection for an individual and church encompasses many aspects of our lives, of which being kind to one another is of great importance. The act of kindness does achieve unity and closeness with each other and Christ, if we are genuine in our concern about other people's feelings and problems. God shows His love and mercy toward us daily, though we are unworthy. By the grace of God, then, we should be sympathetic, friendly and gentle to the unloving and unkind as well as to those who are loving and kind.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 5 - 11**

- M. \*The Desire for Kindness. 2 Samuel 9:1-8
- T. \*The Practice of Kindness. 2 Samuel 9:9-13
- W. The Source of Kindness. Psalm 85:1-13
- T. The Example of Kindness. John 13:2-15
- F. The Essence of Kindness. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- S. The Exhortation to Kindness. Ephesians 4:25-32
- S. The Consummation of Kindness. Titus 3:1-11