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Staggering Promises

When Paul said that God “calls those things which do not exist as though they did” (Rom. 4:17), he laid the foundation for all that is involved in hope. Hope enables us to see the invisible. The apostle also said, “Hope that is seen is no longer hope” (Rom. 8:24). We do not walk by sight, but by a faith rooted in what God has promised. Things we are unable to see physically are seen through the eyes of faith as clearly as though they did. This truth is best understood by looking at Abraham’s hope.

God’s promises to Abraham were staggering, but not to Abraham. How was it possible that a man well beyond the age most men have children and a woman whose age gave no hope of ever giving birth would be parents so late in life? Yet, when God promised this would happen, “Abraham staggered not at the promise of God” (Rom. 4:20, KJV).

God’s promises are staggering to most. Atheists mock our faith by saying, “Do not give me my pie in the sky by and by. I want my pie before I die.” The ancients said, “Let us eat, drink for tomorrow we die” (1 Cor. 15:32). This view of life might bring momentary “pleasure,” but the future is filled with hopelessness. His promises are also staggering to those with weak faith, but Abraham’s faith was strong (Rom. 4:19).

God's staggering promises allow the faithful to ignore external circumstances. In the midst of adversity, many turn their attention to their problems, but this was not the focus of the hope on which Abraham made life's choices. The Bible said that he did not consider the "facts" and did not waver in unbelief (Rom. 4:19-20). Instead of looking outward, he looked upward. The hope that governed Abraham is the same hope we have when we anchor our faith in Christ.

God's staggering promises are tied to the nature of God. Abraham knew that what God had promised He was able to perform. Throughout the Bible, the faithfulness of God is affirmed eleven times, but it is implied in every dealing mankind has with Him. God says it, and that settles it! When we embrace His faithfulness our view of life and its problems are drastically changed.

God's promises have never failed, not even one time. When the Jews had conquered Canaan, the Divine record said, "Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass" (Josh. 21:45). Not even one word! This is why we can anchor our hope in the Lord and trust every single promise He has made. Anchor your faith in Him, and then when you come to the end of your life, you can look back and know that not a single word of all his promises have failed! Anchor your hope in Him.

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Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
John & Gwen Smith,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley,
Clara Williams,
Charles & Ruby Malone

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Wayne Warren
Kenton Lancaster,
Bettye Kennon, Marilyn Ferrell

Sunday Sermon's

AM - The God of Promises
2 Peter 1:1-4

PM - Amazing Ants
Proverbs 30:25

Happenings

South Jackson

March 20

Men's Business
Following AM Services

April 3

Meat & Greet
Following AM Services

Cards to Send

Janes Graves
26 Louise Lane
Medon, TN 38356

Freeman Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Ron McDonald
41 Chester Levee Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Pantry Item

Dry Pinto Beans

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	47/10
AM Worship	78/10
PM Worship	55/7
Wed Bible Study	65/8
Contribution	4818

Those Privileged to Serve

Mar 13 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Luther Merritt

Mar 20 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Freeman Kidder

Sermon: Joe Venable

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Carleton Kidder

Contribution:

Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Crabb

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Matt Williams

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Mike Wages

Mar 16 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devotional: Mike Wages

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Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devotional: Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM