

The Promise

Luke 24:49. "Behold, I send **the Promise** of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

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Acts 1:4
- 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;
• Acts 2:33. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, **and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear.
• Acts 2:39 For **the promise** is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

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Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV)
- 13. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14. that the **blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus**, that we might receive **the promise of the Spirit** through faith.
- **blessing of Abraham = justification by faith/being declared righteous**
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• Galatians 3:6. just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NKJV)
13. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the **Holy Spirit of promise**,
14. who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 3:6 (NKJV)
6. that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and **partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel**,

Ephesians 3:8 (NKJV)
8. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ**,

Hebrews 4:1-10 (NKJV) 1. Therefore, since **a promise remains of entering His rest**, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3. **For we who have believed do enter that rest**, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His

works”; 5. and (Hebrews 4:1–10 cont.) again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” 6. Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7. again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” 8. For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

To enter God’s rest is to live in fellowship with Him by obedience to Him.

Psalms 95:5–11 (NKJV)

5 The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.

6. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

8. “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness,

9. When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work.

10. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know **My ways.**’

11. So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”

Verse 5 is an appeal to faith in God who created all things for—

The works that were finished from the foundation of the earth weren’t appreciated, though they were for man’s benefit and admiration of their Creator

—Colossians 1:16 (NKJV)

16. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

John 17:25–26 (NKJV)

25. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

26. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**”

John 8:28–30 (NKJV)

28. Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

29. And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, **for I always do those things that please Him.**”

30. As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

Numbers 14:15–25 (NKJV)

15. Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying,

16. ‘**Because the Lord was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them**, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.’

17. And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying,

18. ‘The Lord is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.’

19. Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”

20. Then the Lord said: “I have pardoned, according to your word;

21. but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord—

22. because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not

heeded My voice,

23. they certainly shall not see **the land of which I swore to their fathers**, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. (Solemnly promised)

24. But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

25. Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.”

Although the Israelites entered the promised land, they did not enter the rest at that time, because it was said “if Joshua had given them rest” The rest was conditional upon their obedience and faith, that should have been inspired by the miraculous works which were done that God might be faithful to the covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which should have been remembered through rehearsal