

# Obedience Brings Promise

God's commands are not always accompanied by reasons, but always by promise, expressed or understood. To give reasons would excite discussion; but to give a promise shows that reason, though hidden is all-sufficient. We can understand the promise, though the reason might baffle and confuse us. The reason is intellectual, metaphysical, spiritual; but a promise is practical, positive and literal. As shells enclose a kernel, so do Divine commands hide their promises in their heart. So, when you have children someday, remember that children understand promises much better than you having to explain why they are required to do..

If This Is God's Command For Us	Then This Is His Promise To Us
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ"	"And thou shalt be saved."
"Sell that thou hast and give to the poor"	"Thou shalt have treasure in heaven."
"Leave father and mother, houses and lands" (Gen.2:24; Matt. 19:5; Mk.10:7; Eph.5:31)	Thou shalt have a hundredfold here, and everlasting life beyond."
"Be ye separate" (2 Corinthians 6:17)	"I will receive you and be a Father to you."
"If My People which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;"	Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14)
"Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Mt. 5)	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven
"Be thou faithful unto death" (Rev 2:10)	And I will give you a crown of life."

Therefore, in Abraham's case:

Though thou art childless, I will make of thee a great nation.
Though thou art the youngest son, I will bless thee and make thy name great
Though thou art to be torn from thy own family, in thee shall all the nations of the world be blessed..
<b><i>And each of these promises have been literally fulfilled!</i></b>

*"When the house is on fire, men are ever ready to throw their valuables out the window; and when the heart is full of His perfect love, men are sure to count those valuables as worthless"*