

PRINCIPLES FOR WALKING THE PATHWAY OF THE PROMISE

I. "Don't just do something; stand there."

Wait until you receive a word from God!

God works on a different time table – Eternity. (1 day as 1,000 years.)

Be careful to not get ahead of God!

Examples:

King Saul who could not wait for Samuel and took on the priestly role. (1 Samuel 13:5-14)

Abraham, Sarah, Hagar (Genesis 16)

God is never late, but many times He is not early!
His timing is established to give Him greater glory!
John 11: 1-44 (15)

Promise Fulfilled

II. "Don't just stand there, do something."

When journeying on the Pathway and waiting for the fulfillment, continue to do the present will of God.

There are things that you must accomplish in God's will now that leads to the fulfillment of the promise.

Hebrews 10:36: For you have need of endurance, <u>so</u> that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Examples:

Nehemiah, The Cupbearer to the King (Nehemiah 2)

Esther Becoming Queen (Esther 2)

- III. Obey God's commands.
 - (Even when they do not seem to make sense.)
 - * God desires that we have immediate trust and obedience to His command. *
 - The plan and purpose are clear to our all-knowing God!

Promise Fulfilled

Examples:

- (1) Naaman, the leprous commander, was instructed by Elisha to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be clean. (II Kings 5)
- (2) Joshua is given instruction to circle Jericho seven times and to shout and the walls would come down. (Joshua 6)
- (3) Gideon and his 300 men is the right number rather than the original 32,000 men. (Judges 7)

Examples:

(4) Philip, the evangelist, leaves the revival in Samaria to go to a desert road. (Acts 8)

"Take up your bed and walk." (Mark 2)

"Stretch out your withered hand." (Mark 3)

"Go wash in the pool of Siloam." (John 9)

Promise Fulfilled

IV. Begin to Praise God for Being A Promise-Keeping God and thank God for the promise being fulfilled.

A major change happens – No longer are you praying for your prayer to be answered or for God to give you a promise.

Now you begin to give thanks for the promise and for what God is doing to bring the promise to completion.

Three levels of Faith:

Level 1 – God can do anything.

Level 2 – God will do it one day.

Level 3 – God is doing it right now! (John 11)

True Biblical Faith

V. Begin to live as though you have received the promise, and you will possess it.

Mark 11:24 (Words of Jesus)

Therefore I say to you all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you received them, and they will be given to you.

Promise Fulfilled

- (1) Noah builds the ark (120 Years) Preparing for a flood when the world had never experienced rain. (Genesis 6, 7)
- (2) Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 21)
 Elkanah & Hannah (I Samuel 1)
 Zacharias & Elizabeth (Luke 1)
 - Preparing the Baby's Room
- (3) Jehosaphat (II Chronicles 20:21)
 Singers and Praisers Up Front