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Text : II Peter 1:1-4, 8

Introduction:

God is the greatest Promise Keeper. All His promises in Christ Jesus are guaranteed to us (II Corinthians 1:20). Promises become necessary in the light of internal struggles challenging one's faith and trust in God. It gives confidence, assurance, hope, encouragement, direction and meaning.

"1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:1-4, 8)

God's promises are unfailing promises because He keeps His promises and they are available to whoever would trust Him.

I. Exceedingly great and precious promises! (II Peter 1:4)

Given by God who declares:

- Know Him more is an experience of multiplied grace and peace (II Peter 1:2).
- His divine power made available – for life and all else (II Peter 1:3).

The promises are given by a God who is very mindful and generous. God works in our lives and He provides adequately for it (Ephesians 1:3-6).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

II. Purpose of promises given (II Peter 1:4)

For the fact of our faith in God through Jesus Christ:

- God's nature will become part of us (II Peter 1:4).
- We could escape our evil desires and the corrupt influences of the world (II Peter 1:4)
God's promises would enable us to live successfully! God's children ought to have His nature.

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith" (I John 5:4).

III. Result of promises received (II Peter 1:8)

You are making headway in your journey of faith:

- You can expect fulfilling growth in your life (II Peter 1:8).
- You are ready for eternity – welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord! (II Peter 1:11).
God's promises are His Word to us ... so know and love His Word and stand upon His promises! He is faithful to keep His promise (Hebrews 10:23).

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” (Hebrews 10:23).

Conclusion:

God's unfailing promises are meant for us who believe ... the answer to the inner persona challenges in our faith in Jesus Christ.

Remember:

God's promises are like the stars, the darker the night the brighter they shine!