



THE PROMISE, part 4

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WARM UP QUESTION: What value is there in understanding a lineage?

READ: *Matthew 1:1-6, II Samuel 11:1-5, Isaiah 11: 1-5, Luke 18:35-36, 38-43*

FOCUS: How Jesus fulfilled the prophesies and promises of Isaiah

OBSERVE:

Messianic Prophecy Fulfilled

- The Problem – Isaiah 11:1 – Jesus was referred to as ‘the stump of Jesse’ that symbolized the end of God’s blessings upon Israel and to announce the start of the new covenant through Jesus. Tracing Jesus’ lineage from Jesse to David down through to Jesus links Jesus as the Messiah and the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy that a new provision is coming.
- The Promise – Isaiah 11:2 – The Spirit of the Lord is foretold, and would rest upon the Branch who is Jesus and the Spirit of wisdom and understanding that is full power would be His. Everyone after Him would be able to receive forgiveness of their sin because Jesus took everyone’s sin upon Himself.
- The Plea – Jesus provides all of us with forgiveness and miracle-working power in our lives by simply believing in His righteousness. He can forgive us, heal us and lead us.

Example:

Blind Man – A man blind from birth cried out “Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus responded to his faith by healing him.

- Circumstances – We all have challenges in our lives that we wrestle with each day. Jesus stands ready to provide us with the power of the Holy Spirit and His wisdom to address each need.
- People – It doesn’t matter what walk of life you come from: rich, poor, religious or atheist. Jesus loves us all equally and wants to begin a direct relationship with each of us.

REFLECT:

Is any sin too great or embarrassing for Jesus to forgive?

Jesus took all of the unrighteousness and unfaithfulness of the world upon Himself to eliminate the death sentence sin brings.

TAKE ACTION:

- Take some time to discuss the specific challenges you have in your life – personal or business – and what you are praying to overcome them.
- Ask your group to help you pray through your challenge to a solution.
- This Christmas week as we celebrate His birth, take some time to reflect on all Jesus has done for us and thank Him for all.

PRAY: *Lord, thank You that You see our situations. We give You the honor and the glory for the many ways You always know and support us. We praise You in advance for how You will do it again in the future. Thank You for Your birth and willingness to be our Savior. Amen.*

