

THE LIFE OF FAITH

OWNING YOUR JOURNEY

Choosing the Benefits of God's Promises

Selected Scriptures

Benefits:

1) Grace and restoration (*vv. 1-4*)

Psalm 23, 1 John 1:9

2) Security and confidence (*vv. 8-9*)

James 3:13-18

3) Contentment (*vv. 9-13*)

Physical sight vs. spiritual insight

1 Corinthians 2:9

4) Fellowship with God (*vv. 14-18*)

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) In Genesis 13, Abram chooses to return to Canaan and the promise of God after a terrible experience in Egypt. Abram returns to the altar to worship and proclaim the goodness of God. What would your proclamation of God's goodness be at this time in your life?
- 2) Abram displays godly wisdom in dealing with the conflict with Lot. Read James 3:13-18. What observations can you make about "wisdom from above" in this passage? What observations can you make about "earthly wisdom" from this passage?
- 3) Abram viewed the immediate circumstances of his life in the context of the promises God made to Him. What are some of the many promises God has made to us in Scripture? How do these affect the different areas of your life: family, job, school, purchases, hobbies, etc?
- 4) Our memory verse this week is 1 Corinthians 2:9. Read the context of that verse as found in 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. How does this passage shed light on living by spiritual insight rather than by physical sight? According to this passage, what has been given to us as followers of Jesus to help guide our choices and decisions?

Memory Verse
1 Corinthians 2:9

"However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.'"