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Unit II: GOD’S Promises, has five lessons from the books of 2 Chronicles, Isaiah, and Joel that let us know that we can trust GOD to keep HIS word. Lesson five deals with Solomon’s Temple is being dedicated in 2 Chronicles, GOD promise to hear the people and to forgive them in response to their prayers and repentance. Lesson six deals with the celebrated passage that proclaims that GOD’S people are waterproof and fireproof because of HIS (GOD’S) promised protection. Lesson seven deals with the people whose future GOD knows and declares. Lesson eight deals with ritual performance with true penitence coupled with true acts of justice. Lesson nine deals with GOD’S promise to be present and to restore HIS chosen people after a time of distress.

Subject: Promises and Consequences
Text: 2 Chronicles 7: 12-22

Key Verse:

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 Chronicles 7: 14, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) The Assurance (2 Chronicles 7: 12-16)**
- 2) The Alert (2 Chronicles 7: 17-22)**

Introduction

The New year count down has begun, and many are celebrating and making resolutions to share with others. Due to the New Year celebration some will not attend Church school and Worship service on the next day, because of their late-night activities. Now, I know that the past year had been trying and difficult for many and we look for reasons to celebrate. But we should not take our eyes or focus off of GOD who brought us through the year. You, see, every time we take our eyes or focus off of GOD, we end up with destructive behaviors and damaging consequences. We must thank GOD for bringing us out of our circumstances, and choose to live with HIM and for HIM. We should align our purpose with GOD’S purpose and to seek HIM on a daily basis that we take not GOD’S love and grace for granted.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- The Assurance (2 Chronicles 7: 12-16)**
GOD appeared unto Solomon the son of king David twice. The first time was at Gibeon, GOD appeared to him (Solomon) in a dream, and GOD asked Solomon to ask HIM (GOD) for whatever he (Solomon) wanted (Read 2 Chronicles 1: 3-13). Now, Solomon requested wisdom and knowledge to govern HIS (GOD’S) people the Israelites. The second time was in Jerusalem when Solomon had completed the construction and dedication of the Temple.

The people of Israel worshipped GOD, had a glorious experience, and witnessed the presence of GOD (Read 2 Chronicles 7: 1-10). Now, sometime after the dedication of the Temple GOD appeared unto Solomon (Read 2 Chronicles 7: 11) to affirm that HE (GOD) had heard Solomon's prayers, and that HE (GOD) had chosen the Temple as the place in which to receive HIS (GOD'S) sacrifices (2 Chronicles 7: 12). GOD consecrate the Temple with HIS presence, and Solomon successfully managed the construction of the Temple, but GOD was the only one who could consecrate it. GOD promise that HE would also hear the people's prayers offered in the Temple. GOD laid down a process for the people by which they could be reconciled to GOD when they yield to sin and wickedness (2 Chronicles 7: 13). Now, if Israel would follow GOD'S four-step prescription for spiritual restoration, humbling themselves, praying, seeking GOD'S face, and repenting of wickedness, GOD would forgive their sins and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7: 14). Now, when the people of Israel had met GOD'S conditions for forgiveness, GOD promised to give special attention to their/our prayers (2 Chronicles 7: 15). GOD promised to bless the Israelites with the nearness of HIS (GOD'S) presence (2 Chronicles 7: 16).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **The Alert (2 Chronicles 7: 17-22)**

GOD said unto Solomon that if he would walk before HIM (GOD) as his father David did, and follow HIS (GOD'S) commandments; notice that GOD did not ask Solomon for perfection (2 Chronicles 7: 17). Now, upon Solomon's condition of obedience, GOD promised to preserve the Davidic legacy through him (Solomon), ensuring that an heir would forever remain on the throne of Israel (2 Chronicles 7: 18). GOD gave Solomon a condition of consequences to HIS (GOD'S) promise, that if he Solomon turn away from the commands that GOD gave unto him (Solomon) and go and serve other gods, and worship them (2 Chronicles 7: 19). Then GOD promised to remove them from the land; reject the Temple; and make the Temple a public ridicule and humiliation (2 Chronicles 7: 20). The Temple which had shone as a shining star would be brought down as "a heap of rubble (2 Chronicles 7: 21). GOD warned that the people would witness, testify, and explain that this had happen because of GOD, whom the people had betrayed and forsaken (2 Chronicles 7: 22). Now, the Church is quick to quote 2 Chronicles 7:14 but the Church is slow to grasp what GOD'S words are regarding the call to faithfulness and holy living. If the church (we) are not spiritually walking with GOD, and seeking HIS face daily, then we will forfeit GOD'S favor and lose our standing in GOD'S sight, and we will reap the bitter fruit of our ways.

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