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Phil was pretty upset. He had applied for a real estate license and they turned him down. He had only read one chapter of one book and he refused to go to school. But he didn't see that as a reason. He failed the exam. Margaret wanted to be a CPA. She skimmed through a few pages of the material and applied for a certificate. For some reason or another, they turned her down. Sam wanted to be a dentist. He had a friend who was a dentist, so he sat in his friend's office for a couple of days and watched him. He said, "That doesn't look too hard." He applied to the State Dental Association to be certified. They tried not to laugh. Elizabeth wanted to be a lawyer. So she read some of her friend's law books, and applied for a diploma from law school. I won't tell you what they said.

Now you know and I know these are absurd illustrations. Why would anybody who knows just a tiny little bit about something think they have the right to be in control of the system, or to be an expert? To be a doctor or a dentist or a lawyer or a CPA or a real estate broker or anything else that carries with it the right or the authority to be responsible for someone else, requires a serious working knowledge of the entire program. You've got to have the big picture. You've got to understand it all. How many of you want a doctor sewing on you who hasn't gotten to the chapter on sewing yet? How many of you want a broker closing a deal on your house who hasn't gotten to the chapter in the book yet called "Reading Contracts"? Probably not many.

The question of questions then is why Christians believe they can take tiny portions of information out of Scripture, or do a surface study on something, and then stand before God as an authority and try to hold heaven and hell captive on the basis of some little promise they have claimed out of context?

We continue and conclude this morning, for those of you who are looking forward to that word, our mini-series on the promises of God, which is taken out of a larger series on the life of David. Next Sunday, Lord willing, we will get on with the life of

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David and perhaps the one most difficult chapter in all of David's life. I realize this study on the promises has included a lot of negative things because, before we can know how to lay hold of the treasures God has given us, we have to understand what we must avoid in the process of looking.

### REVIEWING THE PRINCIPLES

As a gentle review this morning, I would remind you that the passage of Scripture we are applying to David's decision and David's claiming of the promise of God, is II Peter 1:4. At the conclusion of this lesson today, we will pick that verse apart a little bit. You will remember the verse says very simply this, that your God has gift-wrapped for you and given you a Christmas present, every day of the year,

exceeding great and precious promises; (II Peter 1:4a NKJV)

But there is something unusual about these promises. When you open the package, the Scripture says there is released into our lives a portion of the divine nature, allowing us to

escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.  
(II Peter 1:4c NKJV)

That corruption, you remember Scripture says, takes three forms:

- 1- the lust of the flesh
- 2- the lust of the eye
- 3- the pride of life

It is an incredible solution. God is actually going to impart to each of us, a portion of His own nature. The vehicle He is going to use to do it are the incredible, wonderful promises that He has given to us in Scripture.

That Scripture says something so deep about those great and precious promises that we'd do well to examine it very carefully. Being given the gift of a portion of the divine nature so powerful it is key to overcoming sin calls for meeting any requirements we might need in order to open the gift. Certainly we should not expect to give the promises less study than people who set out to become a CPA or a lawyer or a doctor or a dentist. The truth is, the child of God who wants to claim the promises of God needs to make a lifetime career out of learning, not part, but the whole counsel of God.

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That is what this class is about. That is what this church is about. That is what our *life* must be about. It is from that perspective that we continue and complete this morning, this very brief look at the subject of claiming the promises of God. It is such a brief look at it, that I would just pray that many of you would take it upon yourself to do a personal study and maybe use some of these principles as a framework and begin to look for yourselves how to claim the promises of God and how to understand what those promises stand for.

I'm going to give you a very brief review because this is going to be the end of this series and then we will press on.

1- Let me remind you that the first issue involved in claiming the promises of God is how you approach God. We looked at David and we saw that David's response was to humble himself before God and say, "Look, I don't deserve this. Why would you give to the likes of me, something as wonderful as a promise such as this?"

2- Then we saw that David began to worship God for His Word, His Works, His Worth, and His Ways.

3- Then he took Him at His word and humbly received the promise God had given him.

4- Then we began looking at the promises themselves. We began to see that claiming a promise from God involves a lot more than letting the Bible fall open to a certain page and putting your finger on a promise and waving it at God and saying, "I gotcha, God! Gimme!"

It's not that at all. We found out that we had to learn some things about promises. I will give you a brief review and carry on to the completion this morning.

### I- CONSOLIDATED PROMISES

We first looked at consolidating the promises. This is learning everything God has to say about the issue you are claiming. We looked at answered prayer. We looked at the promise of peace. We looked at the promise of joy. We found out in that two to three week period that in order to unleash that treasure house of the character of God that will actually impart His nature to us, that we need to learn everything the Scripture says about that particular quality we are trying to receive. When we did that, we found that there were some parameters involved and when we met those

parameters, *power* came into our lives and the promises could literally be claimed. This led us to the second part.

## II- CONDITIONAL PROMISES

This taught us, you remember, that a conditional promise was something that God had given to us, something very special in the spiritual realm; but there were some things we had to do to receive it. We saw in particular how the promises we began to look at were basically conditional promises: the promise of peace, the promise of joy. They're ours. But there are some things that Scripture says, when we take it in context, that we *have* to do first.

## III- UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES

We looked at these unconditional promises last week. These are promises of God that He has given to us that *will* happen, that are not dependent on anything we do. Yet, as we claim them, He imparts the divine nature to us, allowing us to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

We looked at the issue of security, the security of the believer. It is ours whether we claim it or not. But we enter into the fullness of it when we stand before God, humble ourselves and claim it.

The issue of Christ's return to planet earth, the issue of our heavenly bodies, the issue of ultimately our redemption—these are unconditional promises. These *will* happen whether we claim them or not; but by understanding them, getting down before God, humbling ourselves and thanking Him for them, we receive a part of the divine nature. We are *changed*. There is a peace, there is a confidence, and there is a hope that would not be ours if we did not claim the promises, which are unconditional.

## IV- LIMITED PROMISES

Last week, we concluded by looking at limited promises. These are promises that are made to a certain group or individual or people at given times for given purposes. But they weren't necessarily made for you. God promised Moses that he could speak to a rock and water would come out. He didn't promise you that. God promised Abraham a son in his old age. Perhaps He didn't promise you that.

God promised Samson he would have supernatural strength if he never went to the barbershop. He didn't promise you that.

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God promised Naaman if he would just bathe seven times in the Jordan River he would be healed. He didn't promise you that.

God promised Jonah if he would go to Ninevah and preach to the troops, there would be a big revival. He didn't promise you that. God promised Daniel he would give the king of the beasts lockjaw when lunch time came. But He didn't promise you that.

God promised Moses he could go to the top of the mountain and get his own handwritten Bible. He didn't promise you that. He promised Israel manna in the wilderness for six days a week. But He didn't promise you that.

There are many valid spiritual applications to all of those promises, but be careful that you do not claim a promise from Scripture as your own that God intended for an individual or a nation at a given period of time, that are not yours.

So we looked at consolidated promises, conditional promises, limited promises, and unconditional promises. This morning we come now to the last three areas in particular.

### V- RESTRICTED PROMISES

I believe herein lies much of the confusion in Christian circles about claiming God's promises. There are, in Scripture, restricted promises. These are promises we can claim for somebody else which generate, from the heavenlies, divine initiative on God's part towards that person. However, the ultimate responsibility and choice rest with the person for whom you pray.

Let me give you three examples this morning:

1- You are praying for the salvation of your neighbor. She has never been interested in spiritual things; but God has given you a burden, and you begin to pray. For weeks you pray. For months you pray. You share your testimony with her, what Christ means to you. Something incredible happens. An old friend of hers comes to visit and says, "Guess what? I've become a Christian." Your neighbor says, "Gee whiz! Christians are coming at me from every direction. You all are everywhere!" But still her heart seems to be hardened. There seems to be no conviction of sin. Then God brings an incredible circumstance into her life that you can't even describe, it is so difficult. It is life threatening. It just chills you to think about it. If ever she will know she needs Christ, it is now. But she hardens her heart. And then for a time she seems to be softening; but, ultimately, she hardens her heart again, and she

says, “No.”

Did God answer your prayers? You claimed a promise. Yes, God answered your prayers. He drew her to see Christ in you. He sent someone else from a totally different sphere to share Christ with her. Then when her heart stayed hard, He brought trauma into her life so that she knew that she would have no hope, no help apart from something outside of herself. But still she said, “No.” God answered your prayer. He said, “Yes”. But she said, “No.” And God, remember, has chosen to give His children the right to choose: life or death, heaven or hell, good or evil.

You say, “Now wait a minute. I claimed a promise of salvation for her. I claimed, ‘It is not the Lord’s will that any should perish.’” Good. You claimed it. God honored it. He demonstrated His love by reaching out to her. But remember, you were claiming a restricted promise. God did all He promised. She still had the final choice. Don’t blame God, and don’t blame yourself.

2- One of your children has a major decision to make. You pray and you fast. You claim God’s promise for wisdom,

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.  
(James 1:5 NKJV)

You claim that for your child. God gives you the right words just at the right time to share with that child. He is answering your prayer. God sends a book into that child’s life that warns of the consequences if he makes the wrong choice, the one you don’t want him to make. God is answering your prayer. God sends a friend to see him that he really respects, who has already been down that road. The friend shares with him or her what has gone on, and that is an answer to your prayer.

You wake up one morning and find out that your child made the very decision you had been praying he or she would not make. You get angry. You get bitter at God. You say, “Prayer doesn’t work. I asked God to give him wisdom, and He didn’t!” Wrong. God answered your prayer just the way He promised. You prayed that your child would have wisdom. God provided it through counsel, through example, and through intervention, but the child still had the right to choose and made the wrong decision.

Immediately, the day the decision was made, the moment the decision was made, Romans 8:28 came into being, and God began to weave together even that wrong decision for His glory and the

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child's welfare. God heard your prayer, honored your prayer, and provided wisdom. But that was a restricted promise. The child had the right to make the choice. Do you see the difference?

3- Your husband is involved in a sinful relationship. It breaks your heart. It breaks God's heart. It devastates your family. You pray in faith, believing that your husband will repent. You claim for him the exceeding great power that raised Christ from the dead. You claim the power of God to tear down every stronghold. But remember, those are promises given by God to His children. If your husband is not a Christian, you can't claim those promises. The promise you must claim then is that God would convict him of his need for a Savior and ask Christ to come into his life.

But if he *is* a believer, your prayer will not go unheard. God will give to every believer, Scripture says, the power and ability to resist sin above the temptation. They have the power to say, "No." But the choice is still theirs. God may bring disgrace upon their lives. That disgrace may touch your life, but it doesn't mean He didn't answer your prayer. It was a restricted promise. He brought pressure. He brought people. He did everything He could do to bring that person to repentance. But that person said, "No."

Maybe God will honor your prayers at a later time and that person gives in, but Beloved, God *will not* make us puppets. He has given us a free will. Why didn't he repent? He chose not to. You keep praying, but don't claim that God hasn't answered. Do you see the difference?

Jesus, in Matthew 23:37, was grieving over a choice His people had made. He said,

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

(Matthew 23:37 NKJV)

What was Jesus' problem? He didn't pray hard enough? Didn't fast? Didn't have enough faith? That's blasphemy. No, He prayed for people who would not repent. It was a restricted promise.

The Scripture goes on to record how God used their rejection to bring the Good News to the Gentiles. All things do work together for good. But He longed for His people to recognize Him, to come to Him, to repent, but they wouldn't! So you pray morning, noon and night for those you love. You pray for those you long to see



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saved and repent. You pray for those, but you don't blaspheme God by blaming Him when they exercise their own free will. Understand the difference.

Yes, it breaks your heart when people refuse to give in to the call of God. It breaks God's heart even more. He loves them in a manner we cannot understand. But He loves them so much that He has given them a free will the way He has given it to you. He'll arrest their attention. He may dramatically intercede in their lives. He may destroy everything in their life they are clinging to, but still the choice is theirs. He may weep with you, "Oh, Beloved, I long to gather that one into my arms as a hen gathers her chicks." But he would not. She would not. So understand what a restricted promise is. Then you'll have power in your prayer as you claim that promise, but you will not get bitter and angry at God needlessly.

You can turn on almost any Christian radio station today and in a matter of a few hours, you will hear someone tell you that if you just have enough faith and pray, God will do this. Or, "That door will open and you'll get that job or get that raise." Nearly every day you come across bewildered, confused Christians who "claimed those promises" and didn't get what they wanted. The inference is, "They didn't have enough faith." The truth is, they believed a lie. They may have been misled through their absence of knowledge of the Word that they could claim a promise without consolidating the promises or claim a limited promise that was not meant for them, or a restricted promise that depended on the choice of another person. They thought, "God let me down." Beloved, God will not let you down. God is so much more than you have ever imagined, but He has not given you the right to *be* God.

What is the key here? The key, Beloved, is learning to understand the whole counsel of God, not little bits and pieces, *all* of it. Learning which promises are conditional, which promises are unconditional, which promises are limited, and which promises are restricted, learning what *all* the mind of God is about each of the promises, then you can claim them and literally become partakers of the divine nature. Let me give you one more.

### VI- REVERSE PROMISES

Let's talk for a minute about reverse promises. Reverse promises are promises in Scripture that actually give us and

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guarantee us something we don't want, but what God says we need. We become so consumed in our generation, so enamored by how we can manipulate God into giving us what we think we want and what we think we need, that we forget that most of the promises or many of the promises in Scripture guarantee us the very things we don't want, so that we can receive the divine nature, which is what God wants us to have. But by claiming these promises, power comes into our lives and we can stand against the wiles of the enemy and can have victory.

Now in the last couple of weeks, we have claimed a couple of promises. One was John 16:33,

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. (John 16:33a NKJV)

Don't you love that verse? How many of you love that verse? It is safe, you can hold up your hand. I'll tell you when it's not safe. Now how many of you love the third part of that verse? It says,

but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33c NKJV)

You love it, don't you? Now that is what we claim,

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace...but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 NKJV)

Now isn't that what you pray? Hallelujah! But you know, there is another piece to that puzzle. There are three parts to that verse. Do you know what the other one says? It is a sandwich. The meat is in the middle,

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.

In this world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 NKJV)

Oh! God promised you peace! When? In the midst of the tribulation. You see, we are not always going to live in a cocoon, free from trials and tests. In this world we *shall* have tribulation. Claim it! You say, "Why would I want to do a silly thing like that?" So that when adversity comes, Satan can't penetrate your life with all kinds of lies and whisper in your ear things that will cause your faith to doubt.

Do you know what Satan does? He whispers in your ear,

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“If God were in control, this never would have happened.” He whispers in your ear, “If you just had enough faith, this wouldn’t have happened.” He whispers in your ear, “If you had prayed more, this wouldn’t have happened.” He whispers in your ear, “God can’t really overcome the world. Not anymore.”

My friend, that’s a *lie*. The Scripture says God *has* overcome the world. The means He has of proving it is by giving you peace in the midst of the tribulations you don’t want. But if you claim that promise when the tribulations come, in its totality, what happens? The bitterness disappears. The joy comes. There is meaning to the trial. You get excited because you have claimed a reverse promise. Because you wanted tribulation? No! Because you *knew* that God had promised you through the tribulation, joy.

Another example. How many of you claim James 1:2-4 every morning when you get up. Probably not too many. It says,

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials [or temptations],

knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

(James 1:2-4 NKJV)

Let’s paraphrase it. It says,

Dear Christian, Are you being tested, surrounded by pressures? Shout for joy! God is in the process of testing your faith to give you more patience. Let God finish what He’s started. All He wants to do is make you mature.

That’s what it says.

Now let’s say you’ve lost your mind one day and prayed for patience. Maybe you even claimed Hebrews 10:36. Maybe you claimed it for your husband, I don’t know. That’s dangerous too. Suddenly God allows something to come into your world that shatters your world. You say, “Lord, why me?” God whispers, “I’m just keeping My promise! You asked for patience. I told you that tribulation produces patience. I want you to partake of My divine nature. So relax! Start praising me! My purposes are being fulfilled.” You bow your head and you say, “Lord, You promised it. I got it. Thanks! Amen.” Peace will flood your soul.

II Timothy 3:12 is a promise. It never makes the Christian

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“Hit Parade”, the “Top Ten” or anything like that. It says,

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will  
[What? Have a happy time. No.] suffer persecution.

(II Timothy 3:12 NKJV)

Not might, will. You say, “I don’t want to be persecuted.” Neither do I. But if you live godly in Christ Jesus, and if God keeps His promise, you *will* be persecuted. So when you begin to be persecuted, what do you do? You go to God, you humble yourself and say, “Lord, I don’t deserve to be honored with this privilege of being persecuted the way my Lord was, but thank You because You are in the process of proving to me that I am living godly in Christ Jesus. What an honor. Lord, now I claim what You’ve offered to me, just as You promised, so shall it be. Humbly I give all the glory to Thee. Amen.”

You see, *now* the persecution has meaning. The problem has potential. The promise is yours. You claimed it. Satan begins to whisper in your ear and you tell him, “No! God has just been keeping His Word.”

Reverse promises. We don’t talk about them very much, but the power is there when we claim them. So many of you have probably prayed at some time in your life, “Lord, make me Yours whatever it takes.” Then, when “whatever it takes” comes along, you say, “Lord, not me!” Maybe that’s when we ought to be claiming Hebrews 12:6. It says this,

For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every  
son whom He receives..

(Hebrews 12:6 NKJV)

His discipline is proof of His love. So He is proving to you how much He loves you. But Satan will whisper in your ear, “No! Why would a loving God let this happen to you?” What you need to say is, “Dear Lord, You really love me. You are disciplining me to prove it. You are teaching me. Now, Lord, I claim what You’ve offered to me, just as You promised, so shall it be. Humbly I give all the glory to Thee.” And Satan is gone! You are standing on the Rock. You are receiving the divine nature. Don’t you see, that’s what the Christian life is all about. That’s how you grow, by claiming the promises of God. And that includes the reverse promises of Scripture. They are filled with power. They are the things we don’t want, that we need, that God gives us, often at times, in answer to our prayers. You will try to forget that before you get home, and I don’t blame you.

## VII- PERSONAL PROMISES

Finally, you can't have a study on the promises of God without talking about the controversial issue of the personal promises of God. By personal promises, I mean promises God gives to you, in your study out of the Scripture that help you make a certain decision or know what to do, that maybe somebody else doesn't understand or maybe is not necessarily true for a different time.

Let's say you are fasting and praying about a job change. You don't know what to do. You come across a verse in Scripture that says, "Arise and go, that we may live, both we, and our little ones." You jump up and run to your wife and say, "Guess what? God just told me to move!" She takes your temperature and calls the doctor. Who is right, you or her?

It all depends. Be careful. God seldom works that way. But don't call someone a fool to whom God speaks through His Word. It may be you. The problem is, we must be careful. I'm going to give you, Lord willing, a checklist on what to do if God speaks to you through personal promises. Some of you will never feel comfortable with that, but don't be too hard on your friends who do, okay?

### A Checklist on Claiming Personal Promises

1- Let God speak through your normal study of the Word, don't go fishing. You say, "But you don't understand. I need to make a decision and I'm in the middle of Leviticus." Guess what? God knew that in eternity past that you would be in Leviticus. Relax! If He has something He needs to say to you, He'll speak to you through Leviticus.

2- Remember: God will never, ever advise you to violate a principle of Scripture. Not ever! It is an absolute. So if a verse pops out and tells you to do something that involves unequal yoking, or a violation of principles, or developing a spirit of disloyalty or ingratitude, it is not the will of God. You just mis-read what you wanted to hear.

3- God leads in a straight line. If all of your leading up to this point has been to go to "A", and a verse sends you to "B", be careful. God does not lead us in circles to confuse us, but in straight paths to conform us.

4- Seek confirming counsel. Don't be afraid to let God speak through others to confirm what you've read. In a multitude of

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counselors there is safety, as we find in Proverbs 11:14.

5- This is a biggie. Give God and yourself time. Let God confirm in other passages or through other people. Remember, God may seem slow, but He is always on time.

6- Be considerate, if you are married, of the counsel of your mate. If you are deadlocked, don't flash this verse you've found in front of your mate and use it to club them into submission. God may be saying to you through that verse, "Do this..." and through your mate, "Not yet."

7- Stay in the Word. Don't grab a verse and flee. Often we find what we want to hear and we close the Book. The Word of God is a complete revelation. Let Him amplify what He's told you, or let Him tell you *that is not what He meant for you to think* from that verse. Give Him a chance.

8- Don't rely on these kinds of experiences for the will of God. Take the principles of the Scripture first, and then let the passages of Scripture just be confirmation.

Some of you may think God speaks to you through isolated promises. That is wonderful! These are personal promises of Scripture, but be careful that you keep them in harmony with all of God's Word, with the whole counsel of God.

Conditional promises, consolidated promises, unconditional promises, limited promise, restricted promises, reverse promises, and personal promises, they all fit together. They create a fabric for us by which we receive the nature of God,

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. (II Peter 1:4 NKJV)

Let's close by looking very carefully now at what that passage means.

1- The phrase, "exceeding great" mean superlative in both degree and in intensity. The NIV translates it "magnificent."

2- "Promises" comes from the same root word that the words "angel" and "messenger" come from. It means a divine pronouncement of significance. It is a covenant made, or an offer given. So God is saying, "I have made a series of divine pronouncements. They are so incredible in scope, that your mind, apart from My Spirit, cannot even grasp them because they are

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designed to give Myself away. They are not only exceedingly great, but they are divinely precious.” He goes on to say, “I am not giving you these ‘exceeding great and divinely precious pronouncements of love’ for you to use as toys to play with or as clubs to beat Me into submission. They are for one purpose: properly accepted and rightfully claimed they will result in your actually becoming partakers of My divine nature.”

3- The word “partake” means to have something in common with someone else. It means that God is sharing something so you can have what He has. What He is sharing is His nature. The promises are God’s way of imparting to you His own character, so that when others look at you, they see Him. Isn’t that what you want? If so, the Scripture says, you will be able to “escape the corruption in the world through lust.” “Having escaped by flight from the world systems and the world’s ways,” is what it literally means.

So in closing, Beloved, I beg you, claim the promises of God. But I beg you as well, claim them *correctly*. That has been the reason for this little mini-study. Learn to examine the whole counsel of God. Don’t be afraid to find out what it really says. God hasn’t given you the license to make it say whatever you want it to. No scripture is of any private interpretation.

In closing, let me remind you that it isn’t important that it says what you *want*. It *is* important that you want what it says. There is a lot of difference. Ask yourself, “Does claiming this promise impart to me the divine nature? Will it make me more Christ-like? Will God be glorified, whether it’s what I want or not?”

That was David’s perspective. It must be ours because God has given to us incredible, virtually unbelievable pronouncements about who He is so that we can lay hold of the promises, so that He can lay hold of us. By God’s grace, may we with David, move on now to claim the promises of God. Without wavering, searching for and standing on nothing less than *the whole counsel of God*.

*(See closing poem next page.)*

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The whole counsel of God,  
It is no cause for fear.  
You see, all God is asking us to do  
Is let His Word be clear.

He's asking that we take it all,  
Not just the parts we choose.  
He's asking us to search it all.  
He says, "It's ALL good news."

He's asking us to name and claim  
Those promises so rare,  
But in the process urging us  
To first learn what is there.

It is not little pebbles  
That we can take and fling.  
It is a massive solid rock,  
The nature of the King.

And ere we use its powers,  
He asks of me and you  
That we but dare to take it all,  
Every Word is true.

'Tis not the issue, "Can this Word  
Confirm our every whim?"  
The issue is, "Does every Word  
Make us to be like Him?"

So stand upon it, Christian,  
It's part of your dear call,  
But stand upon it rightfully,  
Stand upon it all.

Stand upon it, Christian,  
Stand on God's Holy Sod,  
Which is, of course, nothing less  
Than the whole counsel of God.

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