

11/27 | REVELATION: Promises



"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

—Jeremiah 29:11 | NASB

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Acts 26:6-8. Despite being on trial, Paul had *what* in God's promises?
2. Consider the quote on the right. What do you think? Give an example where this may or may not be true.

"Where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present."
—Anonymous

Promise of Glory: Romans 2:6-10

3. Read 2 Corinthians 3:9-12, 18. Why does Paul say God's new covenant and ministry will be so glorious?
4. In Romans 5:1-5, Paul says we "exult in the hope of the glory of God." In what else does he exult? Why do you think he says that?
5. What view of suffering vs. glory does Paul take in Romans 8:17-18?
6. How does this week's sermon text (Revelation 19—22) function in the lives of those who are suffering?

Promise of His coming: 2 Peter 3:9-13

7. How does the picture of Jesus in Revelation 19 differ from his earthly ministry?
8. What messages of comfort are in the final chapters of Revelation?
9. Compare the symbols for righteous acts in Revelation 19:8 and

Isaiah 64:6. Why are these different?

10. Paraphrase the description of judgment given in Revelation 20:11-15. Compare this to Matthew 25:31-46. What role do our good deeds play in our judgment?

Promise of eternal life: 1 John 2:25

11. How does this idea of a physical earth as our eternal destination strike you? What kind of work and play would you want to involve yourself in?
12. From 1 Corinthians 15:35-53; Philippians 3:21 and Revelation 21:4, what might our new bodies be like?
13. What kinds of things will NOT be in heaven? Which three will you be happiest to see eradicated?
14. List the "sweet" things that will be in heaven. What is the sweetest of them all?
15. How does it make you feel that God desperately awaits your presence in heaven?

TAKE AWAY:

Hang on to hope!