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This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

#### MESSAGE THEME

Apocalyptic Evangelism

## PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I can find mercy and grace when I draw near to Your throne. You love connecting with me, and You're always ready to listen. Thank you, God, for walking with me without lording over me. You're a God of relationships and growth and have my best interest in mind. The more time I spend with You, the more my desires will align with Your heart. I trust you. Amen.

#### **KEY TRUTHS**

Theology is like building a house; we must pour the foundation before moving on to the next step. In our faith, this looks like starting at the beginning and building on the truths already provided for us. We continue growing from here by learning and understanding God's promises throughout His Word. We can see Him laying these out through prophecies and covenants.

The Bible describes a covenant as an agreement, and God gives us many examples to learn from. The **Abrahamic Covenant** was a promise from God to His people. When He gave Israel the Torah, He entered into a covenant with Abraham, making promises to him and his future generations. Along with the promises, there were many blessings woven into it.

Then there was the **Mosaic Covenant**, a promise between two parties in the form of, "If you do this thing, then I will bless you. If you don't do this thing, then I won't bless you." An example is in Leviticus 26:3-5, where God tells His people that if they follow His commands, He will bless them with rain, crops, and a harvest. Their relationship with God gave them access to these blessings.

*Prophecy* is a fancy word for hearing from God regarding what He has planned in the future. A fascinating testimony of prophecy is the nation of Israel being destroyed and ultimately brought back together twice, prophetically declared hundreds of years before it happened. Our God is marvelous and has woven many promises and blessings throughout His Word.

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

There is one God, the creator of Heaven and Earth, and He wants nothing more than a relationship with us. The Bible contains over 8,800 promises, with 160 of them in the New Testament.

Take some time to find a promise from God that you can stand on. Write it down, read it out loud, and stand on the fact that God wants good and beautiful things for us.

## **REFERENCE VERSES**

- Leviticus 26:3-5 & 14-17
- Deuteronomy 4:24-31
- Isaiah 34:1-8

# DECLARATIONS

My God has guaranteed to comfort me in times of trouble. He's my absolute friend, equipped to mend a weary heart. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

The promises of God are unyielding. If God says something, it *will* come to pass. I can trust the Lord with all my heart and believe His Word. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

God did not give me a spirit of fear but one of power, love, and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.