



Unleashed: A Promise-Based Life (part 1)

(Acts 1:6-7)

Main Idea: We should focus on a promise made to Jesus

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
2. Why do people want to know “when” Jesus will return? In your opinion would that be a good thing to know?
3. How can an over emphasis on the “here and now” lead to a lack of humility?
4. Jesus says that the times and the season are under God’s authority. How does that truth help you cope with today’s struggles?
5. Living joyfully in the midst of hard times can be a powerful witness, share a time when you saw that in action in someone’s life?
6. God the Father has promised that all kingdoms will be serve Him when His eternal kingdom comes:

Daniel 7:14

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed

He also promised that Jesus would inherit all the kingdoms of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-8

“I will declare the decree:
The Lord has said to Me,
‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will give You
The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession

Why do we often miss the “big picture” of what God has revealed about His plans?

7. Peter writes about our need to be ready share our faith in this verse

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Have you ever “seen” hope lived out in someone’s life? Were you prompted to ask them about the source of their hope?

In what ways can you be ready if someone detects genuine hope in your life?

Live it Out

Psalm 61:1-2

Hear my cry, O God;

Attend to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I will cry to You,

When my heart is overwhelmed;

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

- How does the knowledge that God’s ultimate plan is higher than “us” help you weather the current storms of life in a joyful manner?
- What should the knowledge that we need a “rock higher than us” say to the unsaved? To us who need to take the message of salvation to the unsaved?
- How can your joyful, confident approach to life a serve as a platform for sharing the gospel?
- How can your joyful, confident approach to life a serve as a platform for encouraging believers?