



Faith in Action

Epilogue: Come to Jesus

The Conclusion

- ^{NAS} **Ecclesiastes 12:13** The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. ¹⁴ For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.
- ^{NAS} **Matthew 7:24** "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. ²⁵ "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.

This Requires a Response

- ^{NAS} **James 2:18** But someone may well say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." ¹⁹ You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. ²⁰ But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

The Required Response

- ^{NAS} **Joshua 24:14** "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

How do we do this?

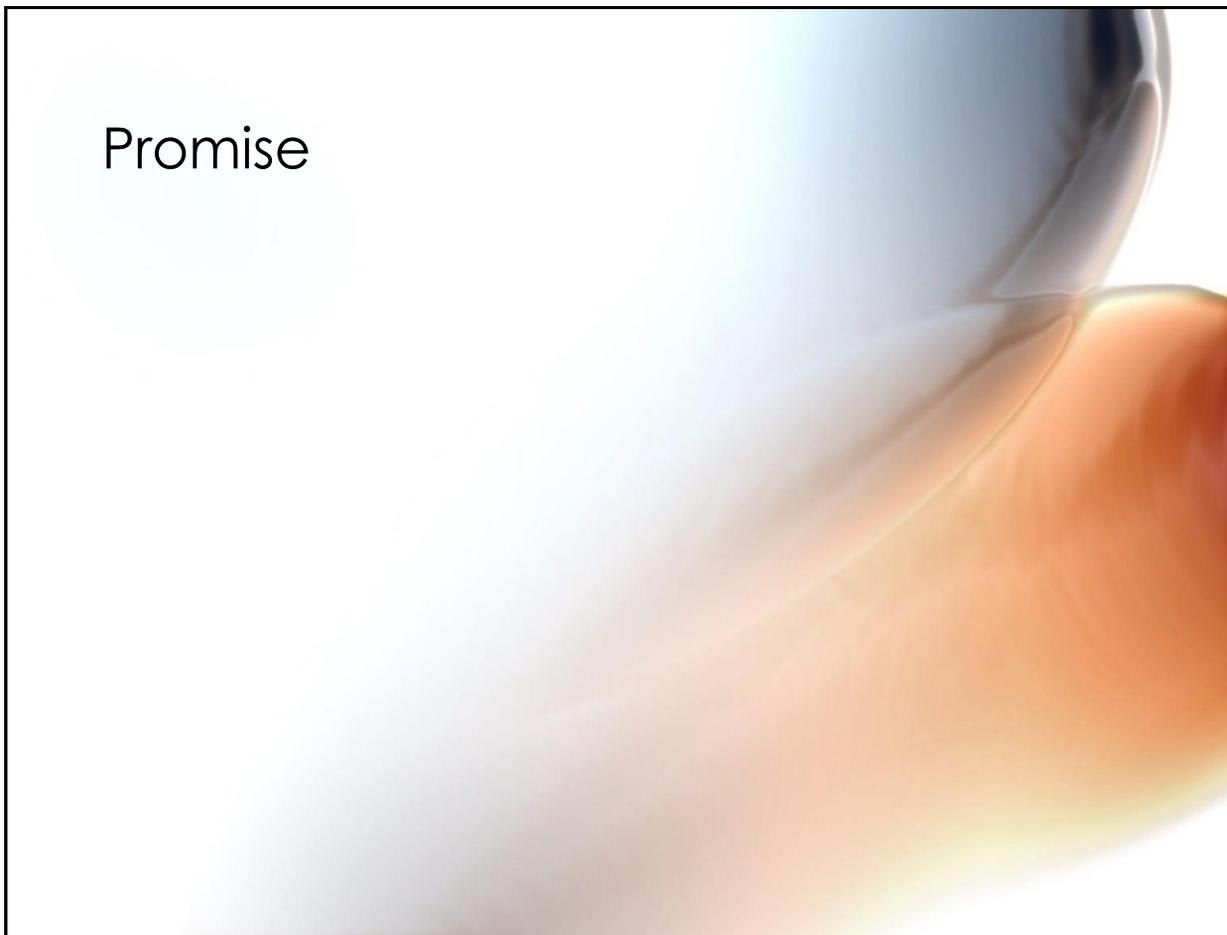
- ^{NAS} **John 6:63** "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. ⁶⁴ "But there are some of you who do not believe." ... ⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father." ⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore. ⁶⁷ Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life."

➤ *Come to Jesus*

Sand or Rock?



Promise



Words of Life

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 45:18** For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, But formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, and there is none else. ¹⁹ "I have not spoken in secret ... I, the LORD, speak righteousness Declaring things that are upright... ²¹ "... Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. ²² "Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ "I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance.

Come to the Lord

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 45:22** "Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other... ²⁴ "They will say of Me, 'Only in the LORD are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, ... ²⁵ "In the LORD all the offspring of Israel Will be justified, and will glory."

Answer His Call

- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; ³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- ^{NAS} **John 10:10** "... I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.

Fulfillment



Come as You Are

- ^{NAS} **Mark 5:25** And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶ and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse, ²⁷ after hearing about Jesus, came up in the crowd behind Him, and touched His cloak.

➤ *She came to Jesus unclean.*

- ^{NAS} **Leviticus 15:25** 'Now if a woman has a discharge of her blood many days, not at the period of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond that period, all the days of her impure discharge she shall continue as though in her menstrual impurity; she is unclean. ²⁶ '...and every thing on which she sits shall be unclean...
²⁷ 'Likewise, whoever touches them shall be unclean...

➤ *She came to Jesus suffering: physical, emotional, social, and financial.*

➤ *She came to Jesus in faith.*

Come in Humility and Worship

- ^{NAS} **Mark 5:33** But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth.
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 2:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- ^{NAS} **James 4:10** Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Come and Be Made Whole

- ^{NAS} **Mark 5:29** And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction... ³⁴ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."
- ^{NAS} **1 Peter 2:24** and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
- ^{NAS} **Revelation 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, ⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Application

There is a Right Way to Come to Jesus

- ^{NAS} **Matthew 7:13** "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. ¹⁴ "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it... ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

There is a Cost to Coming to Jesus

- ^{ESV} **Mark 10:21** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
- ^{NAS} **Luke 9:23** And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

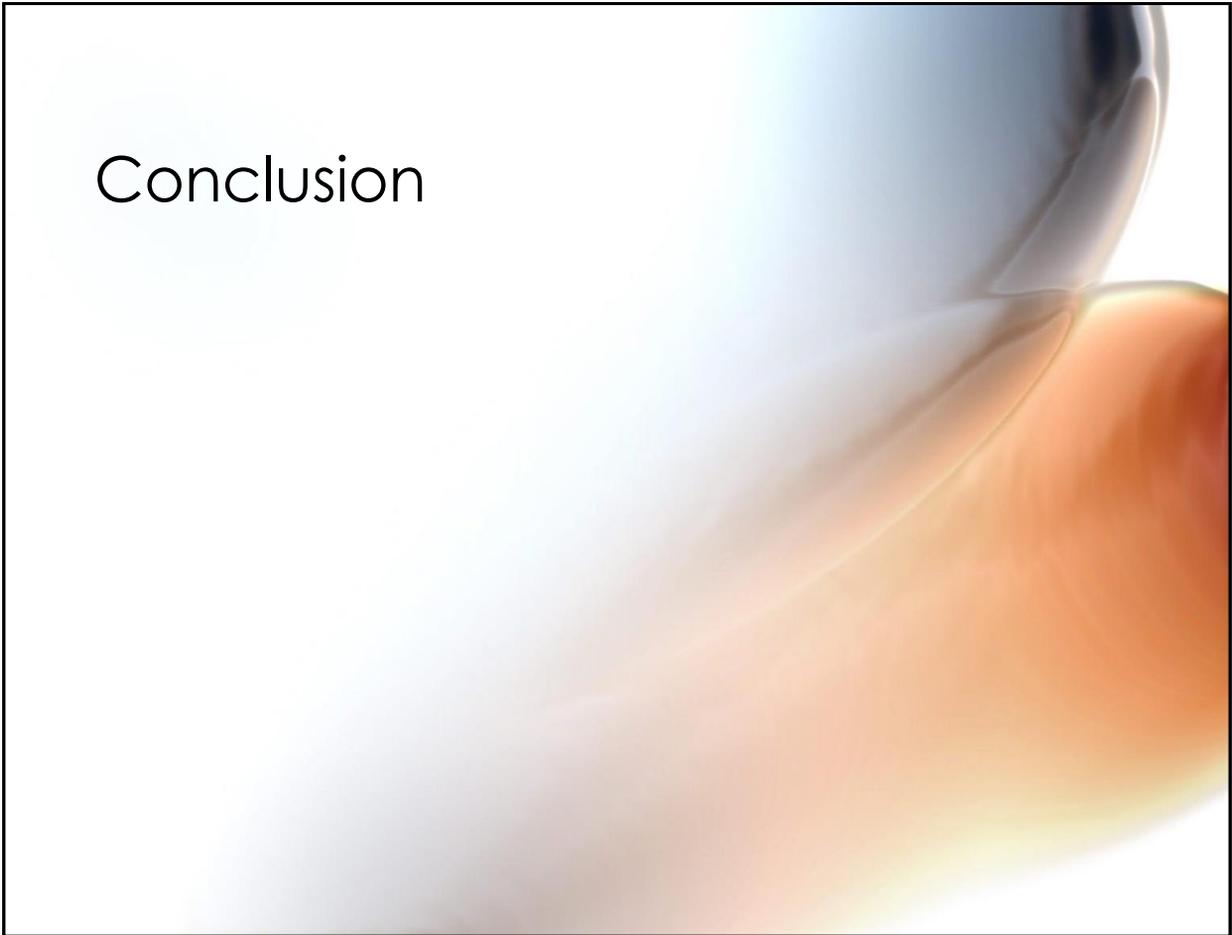
The Reward Far Exceeds the Cost

- ^{NAS} **Matthew 11:28** "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.
- ^{NAS} **John 6:35** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
- ^{NAS} **John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.
- ^{ESV} **John 7:37** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

Aside: Hebrews

- Hebrews is the story of coming to Jesus;
 - *Who is this Jesus we come to?*
 - *How do we come to Jesus?*
 - *Why do we come to Jesus?*
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 4:16** Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
- ^{NIV} **Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

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Life in Christ

- ^{NAS} **Romans 5:5** ... hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us... ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ...
- ^{NAS} **Colossians 3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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