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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

There have been counted over 8,800 promises in the Bible. These promises are there for Christians to know and hang onto in the good and difficult times of life. Our Creator God can never go back on one of His promises and in time, they will all be fulfilled.

Through the prophet Ahijah, God promised to give Jeroboam the 10 northern tribes of Israel as his kingdom. But Jeroboam was required to walk in God's ways to receive God's promises to make his family rulers after him. Did Jeroboam believe this promise from God? Instead of trusting God's Word and seeking godly ways, Jeroboam made a very unwise political decision. He reasoned in his mind that when the people in his kingdom went south to Judah to worship in the Temple in Jerusalem, they would also want to be ruled again by a descendent of David. And if that happened, Jeroboam would be regarded as a rebel leader and put to death.

So to prevent this, Jeroboam set up two centres of worship in his kingdom, one in the far north and one in the south at Bethel, so the people needed not go to Jerusalem anymore. In defiance of God's plain command not to make idols, Jeroboam had a golden calf made for both the worship centres. The priests and Levites living in the northern kingdom did not approve of this, plus many other changes Jeroboam also made about following God's law.

They refused to have any part in Jeroboam's worship centres and moved to southern Judah to stay in keeping with God's laws. By doing so they served to strengthen the southern kingdom and weaken Jeroboam's as he had feared. Other devout people in the northern kingdom also refused to follow Jeroboam's wishes by using his worship centres and continued to travel south for worship at the Temple in the correct manner.

No respectable Israelite would take the vacant places in Jeroboam's worship centres. So Jeroboam had to promote the lowest and most unsuitable people to such highly divine offices. He even did some of the priestly duties himself. Yet all this was against God's explicit commands and God did not leave Jeroboam in any doubt about this. God sent an unnamed prophet to speak on his behalf.

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Jeroboam by now had established a religion of convenience, with many sinful practices being the foundation of the northern kingdom. Neither Jeroboam nor any of the northern kingdom kings appointed after him were godly men. None turned back to God or confessed their many sins to ask for forgiveness. This ungodly legacy made it easy for the Israelites to sin. At God's appointed time, the army of Assyria finally brought God's judgment to the northern kingdom and the people were taken away from the Promised Land as slaves.

God is always displeased at the sins of His own people. No person can be protected in disobedience either by his position, his nearness to God or any services he may have done for God. People betray themselves when they think they can use any sin as a means for providing for themselves. We should dread prospering in sinful ways and pray to be kept from every delusion and temptation. May God's power enable us to walk with self-denying perseverance in only the way God commands us to! We are to trust and obey, as there's no other way to please God.

When the Lord Jesus walked on earth, He always remained pure. No sin was ever found in Him. He taught His disciples to please God by doing God's will from their hearts. Similarly today, the Lord will reward each believer in Christ for the good work they let God do in their lives.

Have you heard of the principle of inflow and outflow? If water is poured into an empty bottle until it's full, no further water can get into it. In the Christian life, if we keep listening to sermons but do not share what we hear with others, the inflow of information and our understanding will come to a complete halt.

We must have an intake, if we want to have an outflow. But we must also have an outflow if we wish to continue receiving an inflow. We need to discipline ourselves to share by word and deed what we have found out as we pray and read God's Word.

Sharing our faith with others needs to be done in a gentle way. Pouring words over an unwilling listener can hinder them from ever taking seriously the claims of the Saviour of the world. Pray to God and ask for His wisdom to guide you before you open your mouth. Ask for His leading about when to speak and what to say when each opportunity arises. Don't dominate by doing all the talking but converse together. Ask questions and give the other person the right to speak or withdraw if they want to. Avoid arguments at all cost and use Bible verses to speak to the unsaved listener. Don't forget – some witnessing can become self glorifying. The Lord Jesus Christ needs to be the focus of all such motivations and discussions.

God has promised that one day all those who trust in the Lord Jesus will be like Him. Do you believe this? If you have been reluctant to give yourself to Jesus up until now, call upon Him today.

While doing his national service training, a young man was sent down a coal mine many years ago to work. During a rest time, he spoke to another young man about the Lord Jesus. That young person asked the Lord to be his Saviour during their discussion. Only a few hours later, however, a rock fell from the roof of the mine and killed the new convert. Scary as it might sound, none of us can guarantee that we will still be alive tomorrow. Let us pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others at the right time and in the right way.

About 20 years ago, a woman in America gave birth to a baby with a serious health problem. The newborn child was transferred to another hospital for special care. The mother prayed and prayed for her son. As she did, she soon felt God's nearness. The words of the Lord Jesus in John's Gospel, Chapter 11, came to her mind: "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God." She wrote the words down and showed them to her husband.

Gradually the child became better and healthier. When he was 13 years old, an operation fixed the problem altogether. During those years of his childhood, the boy's mother collected other Scripture pieces that encouraged her faith to believe that her child was going to be alright. The mother and her daughter made a quilt displaying 12 of their most comforting promises from the Bible during those years. When the quilt was finished, it was displayed in their home at first and then shown for a time in a number of churches.

If we take hold of God's promises, they will keep us from fear in the times of trial. Let God strengthen you in the midst of your troubles as you trust Him to deliver you through each one.

As Isaiah 26:3 says: "You (Lord) will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

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That was Ron Hensby singing "God shall bless us.

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