

From The Pastor's Pen



Promises and Position



“...the Lord your God is the faithful God who for a thousand generations keeps his promises and constantly loves those who love him and who obey his commands.”

Deuteronomy 7:9 The Living Bible

As Emperor Napoleon was busy conquering Europe in the 1800's on one military campaigns, he accidentally let the bridle of his horse slip out of his hand while looking for some papers. The horse reared itself and the Emperor lost his balance. A corporal quickly leaped forward and caught the bridle just in the nick of time, bringing the horse under control and saving Napoleon from what might have been serious injury or even death. Napoleon quickly said, "Thank you, Captain!" The corporal quickly noticed the change and asked "Of what company, Sire?" Napoleon replied "Of my guards."

The young corporal threw his weapon aside, and walked across the field toward the Emperor's staff, tearing off his corporal's stripes as he went. When he took his position among the officers, the other leaders asked him what he was doing. I am the captain of the Emperor's Guards, he replied. Someone overcome with fear rather than faith might have been happy

returning back to his ranks as a corporal and bragging for the rest of his life about how the Emperor once called him Captain. But this captain took the Emperor at his word.

Unfortunately, many of us are just happy hearing about the promises of God rather than walking into the positions God has prepared for us. We who know the Lord must never forget we are the sons and daughters of the King! We must believe that God has promised great things and God keeps his promises.

Adapted from George Whitten

Peace and blessings,

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