

"The Possibilities Of 2016!"
"Little Is Much When God Is In It"

INTRO: The meteorologists give us long range predictions we ignore because how often have they not been able to accurately forecast the weather for tomorrow. Like them, we do not know what is coming tomorrow, let alone for the rest of the year. Yet we know that God already has this year perfectly planned, and as we face it at the start, the possibilities are as incredible as He is! Remarkably, it seems He often uses the little things, like Maranatha, to do His mighty works.

I. THE RECORD OF HIS USING LITTLE THINGS TO DO THE MIGHTY

1. Little Things - Ex. 4:1-6; 7:10-13
2. Little Armies - Judges 7:1-7; Le. 26:8
3. Little Weapons - 1 Sa. 17:32-37
4. Little Resources - 1 Kg. 17:10-16
5. Little Lunches - Jn. 6:1-13
6. Little Groups - Acts 1:1; 1:15; 2:41; 4:4
7. Little People - 1 Co. 1:25-31; 2 Co. 12:10; Zc. 4:6

II. THE RESOLVE FOR HIS USING LITTLE THINGS TO DO THE MIGHTY

**As Illustrated from Nehemiah

1. Passion - 1:4; 2:1-3
2. Purification - 1:5-11
3. Prayer - 1:5-11 (Momentous) 2:4 (Moment) & Many, Many More!!
4. Plan - 2:4-11
5. Perspective - 2:12-20
6. Partnership - 3:1-32
7. Perseverance
 - (1) Vs. Troubles From Without - 4:1ff.; 6:1-14
 - (2) Vs. Troubles From Within - 5:1ff.
8. Production - 6:15-16
9. Put Things In Order
 - (1) Organizing 7:1-69
 - (2) Offering 7:70-73
 - (3) Obeying - 8:1 - 9:37
10. Presentation - 9:38 - 13:3
11. Purification - 13:4-31

CONCL: The old spiritual is so true, "Little is much when God is in it." Abolitionist Frederick Douglass put it this way: "One and God make a majority." So we meet 2016 confidently knowing that while we do not know what tomorrow holds, we do indeed know Who holds tomorrow!

"The Promises Of 2016!"
"My God Shall Supply All Your Needs"

INTRO: We sing with great zeal, "Standing On The Promises", and indeed we should. It is where we stand. The day we put our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, our lives began to undergo a tremendous transformation, not the least of which we became heirs of the promises of God that our found in Christ. As Paul said so well, "For me to live is Christ".

I. OUR GOD PROMISES US A HEARING

1. His Invitation To Us To Pray - Je. 33:3; Lk. 11:9-10
2. His Imperatives For Us To Pray - Pp. 4:6-7; Jn. 16:23; 1 Jn. 5:14-15

II. OUR GOD PROMISES US A HARVEST

1. His Plan - Acts 1:8; Mt. 28:19-20
2. His Process - Mk. 4:1-20 (esp. v. 20); Jn. 4:35; Mt. 9:37
3. His Provision - Mt. 9:36-38

III. OUR GOD PROMISES US A HELP

1. The Greatness Of His Help - Pp. 4:11-13
2. The Guarantee Of His Help - He. 13:5-6

IV. OUR GOD PROMISES US A HOPE

1. A Confident Hope - 1 Pt. 1:3; 1 Tm. 1:1; Ro. 15:13; He. 11:1
2. A Coming Hope - CL. 1:27; Titus 2:13; 1 Th. 4:13; 1 Jn. 3:3; 1 Pt. 1:13

CONCL: Warren Wiersbe said it well: "We live not on the explanations but on the promises." How often have we asked God why, what is happening, or when will this or that end? But often God does not give us those answers but rather gives us wisdom to use His promises to see us through our days. Therefore, let us indeed be "Standing on the Promises" in 2016!