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## Not Every Promise in The Book is Mine Trinity Broadcasting Network and the Gospel of Greed

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As children, many of us sang, with fervor:

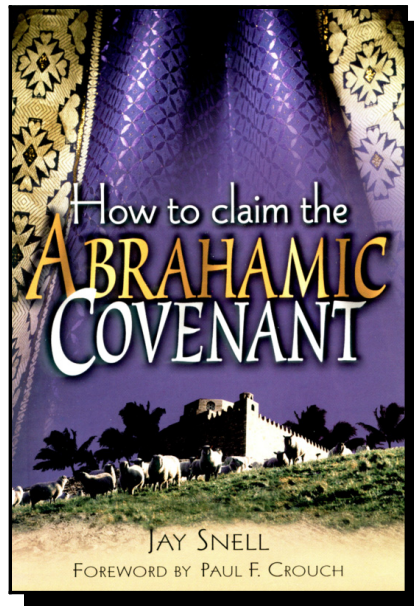
*"Every promise in The Book is mine,  
Every chapter, every verse, every line,  
I am standing on His Word divine,  
Every promise in The Book is mine."*<sup>1</sup>

The message was simple and the tune was "catchy." The whole experience was intended to underscore the fact that we believed in and could rely on God's Word.

But, as is too often the case, the words of the song contained error — it wasn't true then and it isn't now. Simply stated, God recorded *some* promises in His Word that were intended for specific individuals, and it is futile, or worse, for anyone else to try to claim them.

### PROMISES, PROMISES

Someone has surmised that there are more than 30,000 promises in the Bible (probably based on the fact that there are over 31,000 verses — depending on the translation — and the view that almost every one of them implies a promise). However, the late Dr. Herbert Lockyer reported a more precise survey of the Bible's promises,



which had been conducted by school-teacher Everet R. Storms, of Kitchener, Ontario:

"During his 27th reading of the Bible, this devout student tried to tally up the promises, a task which took him a year and a half. Storms came up with 7,487 promises by God to man, 2 by God the Father to God the Son, 991 by one man to another..., 290 by man to God. 21 promises were made by angels, one by man to an angel, and two were made by an evil spirit to the Lord. Satan made nine, as when he promised the world to Christ if He would fall down and worship him. Storms then gives us the grand total of 8,810 promises."<sup>2</sup>

Lest there be any misunderstanding, let us clarify the basis on which we consider the promises of God:

- The Bible in its entirety (the 66 Books of canonical Scripture) is God's (continues on page 16)

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