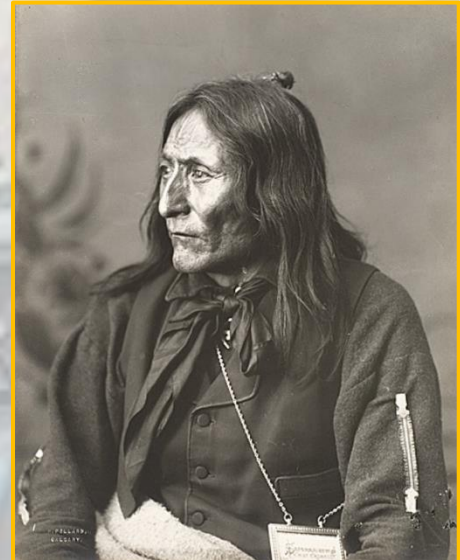


Crowfoot's Railroad Deal

The Toronto Ward Museum tells the story of a 19th century man named Isapo-Muxika. He is more commonly called Crowfoot. He was the chief of the Siksika First Nation Indian tribe.

He was known for his peaceful relations with Canada during a time of great violence. Crowfoot was often called Manistokos, which means *father of the people*, because of his caring nature toward his tribe members. He provided food to those who needed it in his tribe.



When the Canadian Pacific Railroad was being constructed and they needed to build part of it on his land, the Canadian government approached Crowfoot with an offer. They said, "If you will give us the land we need for the railroad, you can ride whenever and wherever you want."

So, they made a deal. The Canadian Pacific Railroad was finished, and Crowfoot received a lifetime pass. It was put in a beautiful case. Crowfoot is said to have carried that case around his neck for the rest of his life. It entitled him to go wherever he wanted that the railroad could take him.

There was just one problem. As far as is known, Crowfoot never stepped foot on that train. He had the right to travel anywhere he wanted, but he never availed himself of that right.



Many Christians are like Crowfoot. They possess God's promises, they quote them, they frame them, they hang them on their walls. They even post them on social media, but they never actually make use of them.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Particular Baptist preacher, once said, "God never gives us a promise He does not intend for us to use."

So, what should you and I do? Read them, get to know them, and then apply those promises which speak to your current condition, whatever that condition might be.

Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord (Proverbs 16:20 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter