

PROMISES FOR BELIEVERS

“Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established...so shall ye prosper” (2 Chronicles 20:20).

“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform” (Romans 4:20-21).

1. Promises guaranteeing the safety and security of the true believer (John 5:24; 6:37-40; 6:47; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1; 8:28-39; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; Phil. 1:6; Heb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:5; Jude 24-25).
2. God's constant care (1 Pet. 5:7); God's great faithfulness (Lam. 3:21-23; 1 Cor. 1:9; Heb. 11:11); God's sufficient grace (2 Cor. 9:8; 12:9; John 1:16-17); God's eternal love (Jer. 31:3; John 13:1; Rom. 8:35-39); God's unfailing promise (Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:18; Num. 23:19; 2 Cor. 1:20; Rom. 4:20-21; Heb. 11:11); God's abiding presence (Heb. 13:5; Deut. 31:6,8; Matt. 28:20); God's mighty working (Phil. 2:12-13; Eph. 3:20-21; Heb. 13:20-21); God's adequate supply (Matt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:19; Psalm 23:1; 34:10).
3. The promise of God's peace (Isa. 26:3; Phil. 4:6-7; 4:9; John 14:27; 16:33); the promise of God's joy (John 15:11; Gal. 5:22); the promise of God's rest (Matt. 11:28-30; Heb. 4:1-11); the promise of forgiveness and cleansing from sins (1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:5; Prov. 28:13); the promise of answered prayer (John 14:13-14; 15:7; 1 John 3:22; 5:14-15; Matt. 7:7-11).

4. Promises for needed strength (2 Cor. 12:9-10; Phil. 4:13; Isa. 40:28-31; Isa. 41:10); for needed wisdom (James 1:5-7); for needed help (Heb. 13:6; Isa. 41:10,13); for needed comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-5; John 14:16-18; 2 Thess. 2:16-17); for needed guidance (Prov. 3:5-6; Psalm 23:2-3); for needed faith (Rom. 10:17; Hebrews chapter 11).
5. Victory over sin (Romans 6; John 8:31-36); victory over temptation (1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15-16); victory in the midst of trials (Heb. 12:5-11; James 1:2-12; 1 Pet. 1:6-8; 4:19); victory in the midst of suffering (Rom. 8:18,28; 2 Cor. 1:3-4); victory over the world system (1 John 2:17; 5:4-5); victory over Satan (James 4:7; 1 John 4:4).
6. The promise of reward for keeping God's commandments (John 14:21,23; Psalm 19:11); the promise of reward for seeking God (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 7:7; Jer. 29:13; Deut. 4:29); the promise of reward for faithful living (1 Cor. 3:11-15; 4:2-5; Luke 16:9-10); the promise of a future heavenly home (1 Pet. 1:4; Rev. 21:3-5; John 14:1-3; Heb. 11:10).
7. The promise of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 John 2:28-3:3; Tit. 2:13).

A simple definition of faith: **Faith is responding in the right way to what God has said.** When God gives a command, the trusting believer *obeys*: "**By faith Abraham**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed.**" Abraham believed God! He believed that God was so great that to disobey Him was unthinkable!

When God gives a promise, the trusting believer believes it, is persuaded of it, sees it, looks for it, waits for it, rests upon it, clings to it and embraces it (see Hebrews 11:11,13; Rom. 4:18-21; 10:17; Heb. 4:1-2). How do you respond to God's Word? When God says, "**I WILL!**", how convinced are you that HE REALLY WILL? Compare Acts 27:25.

Problem Solving In Light of Who God Is

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT—He is *able* to solve my problem (Eph. 3:20). Nothing is too hard for Him (Gen. 18:14) and no problem is too big. Through Him I can do all things (Phil. 4:13).

GOD IS OMNISCIENT—He knows all about my problem and He knows its solution. Also He knows how much I can bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

GOD IS WISE—He allowed this problem in my life because he knows what is *best* for me. He also knows the best solution (James 1:5-7).

GOD IS OMNIPRESENT—As I face this problem He is with me and in me (Gal. 2:20). He will never leave me nor forsake me (Heb. 13:5). He never asked me to solve the problem by myself (Exodus 14:14). The Living God is my Helper (Heb. 13:5-6; Isa. 41:10; Matt. 28:20).

GOD IS IMMUTABLE (NEVER CHANGES)—The *same* God that saved me (solved my biggest problem) is able to help me in whatever lesser problem I must face. The God that helped David, Daniel, Paul, etc., in their problems is the *same* God that is able to help me. I can always count on God being God (Heb. 13:8).

GOD IS SOVEREIGN—He's in complete control of the situation. He allowed this problem to come into my life and it's in His hands (Rom. 8:28).

GOD IS FAITHFUL—As I trust God for the solution to this problem He will not fail me. His promises cannot fail. I can count on God in this situation (2 Cor. 1:20). God is absolutely trustworthy, dependable and reliable.

GOD IS TRUE—I can claim the promises in God's Word because God does not and cannot lie (Titus 1:2)! What He says, that will He do (Rom. 4:21)!

GOD IS ETERNAL—As I view my problem in light of eternity, it becomes quite insignificant. See Deuteronomy 33:27.

GOD IS LOVE—God wants to communicate *Himself* to me in this problem. There is no problem, no matter how great, that can separate me from His love (Rom. 8:35-39). He wants only His highest and best for me.

GOD IS GOOD—In the midst of my problem and difficulty, God wants to make me more like His Son (Rom. 8:28-29). No matter the difficulty, I can praise Him for His goodness (Psalm 107:8,15).

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS—In allowing this problem to come into my life, God did what was *right* (Gen. 18:25). God makes no mistakes!

GOD IS JUST—God is absolutely fair in all that He does, including sending this problem my way.

In the midst of pressures and problems, how conscious are you of the living God? "And they that **KNOW THY NAME** (know who God really is) will put their trust in Thee" (Psalm 9:10).

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