

THE PROMISES OF GOD

- There are over **1000 promises** in the Bible that God has made to us – to **all His believers**
 - However, most of these promises are what we call **Covenant Promises** – i.e. a two-way contract
 - ⇒ *“Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.”* (Jeremiah 7:23)
 - ⇒ *“Having therefore these promises... let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”* (2Corinthians 7:1)
 - Unfortunately, most Christians do not build their **house of faith** on a foundation of these promises
 - ⇒ *“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”* (Matt. 7:26)
 - God **never, ever lies** – what He promises, you can take to the bank
 - ⇒ *“For all the promises of God in Him are Yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”* (2Corinthians 1:20)
 - These promises are **not just for a select few** but to **everyone** who calls on **His Name**
 - ⇒ *“For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off”* (Acts 2:39)

BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISES WE NEED NOT BE AFRAID

- God **promises** that we **don't have to be afraid** as long as we are **walking with Him**
 - *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”* (Isaiah 41:10)
 - *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”* (Psalm 23:4)
 - *“Behold, I give you the **authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.**”* (Luke 10:19)
 - *“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty... A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; **but it shall not come near you.**”* (Psalm 91:1,7)
- Fear is of the **devil**, not of **God**:
 - *“For God has **not** given us a **spirit of fear** [Greek: deilia], but of **power and of love and of a sound mind.**”* (2Timothy 1:7)
- It is our **love** of (and from) **God** that casts away the fear
 - *“There is **no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.**”* (1John 4:18)
- The so-called **“fear of God”** is **not fear** – this is a **mistranslation** of the Greek word “yirwah” which means “reverence”
 - *“The **fear** [yirah] of the **Lord** is the **beginning of wisdom.**”* (Psalm 111:10)

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO INHERIT THESE PROMISES?

➤ God is not calling on you to **be perfect** but rather to **walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh**

- *“I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the **lust of the flesh**.¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and **these are contrary to one another**, so that you do not do the things that you wish.¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are **not under the law**.”* (Galatians 5:16)

⇒ *“... **the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life**.”* (2Corinthians 3:6)

➤ When we are **walking with God**, we can be **completely assured** that His **promises** are at work in our lives – though they might take some **time before they manifest**

- *“The Lord is not **slack** concerning His **promise**, as some count slackness, but is **longsuffering** toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to **repentance**.”* (2Peter 3:9)
- *“For you have need of **endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may **receive the promise**.”* (Hebrews 10:36)

➤ God only wants a **sincere heart** and stands ready to **forgive** all those who come to Him with **repentance** and **“godly sorrow”**

- *“For **godly sorrow** produces **repentance** leading to **salvation**, not to be regretted; but the **sorrow of the world** produces **death**.”*
(2Corinthians 7:10)
- *“If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins** and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a **liar**, and His word [e.g. **promises**] is **not in us**.”* (1John 1:9)

SO WHAT ARE SOME OF GOD'S PROMISES?

- *“And this is the **promise** that He has promised us—**eternal life.**”*
(1John 2:25)
- *“But those who **wait on the LORD** shall **renew their strength**; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and **not be weary**, they shall walk and **not faint.**”* (Isaiah 40:31)
- *“If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him **ask of God**, who gives **to all liberally** and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him **ask in faith**, with **no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and **tossed by the wind.**”* (James 1:5)
- *“**Every word of God is pure**; He is a **shield** to those who **put their trust in Him.**”* (Proverbs 30:5)
- *“Through the **LORD’S mercies** we are **not consumed**, because His **compassions fail not**. They are **new every morning**; great is Your **faithfulness.**”* (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- ***Blessed are the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.**
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be **comforted.**
Blessed are the meek, for they shall **inherit the earth.**
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be **filled.**
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall **obtain mercy.**
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall **see God.**
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called **sons of God.**
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven.**
Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you **falsely for My sake**. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your **reward in heaven.**”* (Matthew 5:3:12)
- *“The **peace of God**, which **surpasses all understanding**, will **guard your hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:7)

MORE PROMISES

- *“For we know that if our **earthly house**, this tent, is **destroyed**, we have a **building from God**, a house not made with hands, **eternal** in the heavens.”* (2Corinthians 5:1)
- *“Behold, I stand at the door and **knock**. If anyone **hears My voice** and **opens the door**, I will **come in** to him and **dine** with him, and he with Me.”* (Revelation 3:20)
- *He Himself has said, “I will **never leave you nor forsake you**.” So we may boldly say: “The **LORD is my helper**; I will **not fear**. What can man do to me?”* (Hebrews 13:5-6)
- *“Neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8:38-39)
- *“The **LORD is good**, a **stronghold** in the day of **trouble**; and He **knows** those who **trust in Him**.”* (Nahum 1:7)
- *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give** to you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him**,¹⁸ the eyes of your **understanding** being **enlightened**; that you may know what is the **hope of His calling**, what are the **riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints**,¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His **power toward us who believe**.”* (Ephesians 1:17-19)
- *“And He said to me, “My **grace is sufficient** for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness**.”* (2Corinthians 12:9)
- *“Whatever **good** anyone **does**, he will **receive the same from the Lord**.”* (Ephesians 6:8)
- *“**Delight** yourself also **in the LORD**, and He shall **give you the desires of your heart**.”* (Psalm 37:4)