

God's Blessings, Promises, and How He Keeps Us

When I started this page I had no idea what it was going to be like, and when I started writing these papers I wanted all of them to be like papers, but the more I read and the deeper into the Living Word I go, the more difficult it gets, because I could write an 8 page on 1 Peter 3:1-12, but not many people want to read a lengthy paper; therefore, I have to adjust my writing as well as format.

So as a quick overview, I condensed God's blessings, promises, and how He keeps us to a few points for a quick glance, but will continue to break each topic down into their own categories.

God's Blessings:

- Salvation: God offers the gift of salvation to all who believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Peace: God promises to give us His peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7).
- Eternal Life: Through faith in Jesus, we receive the promise of eternal life (John 10:28; Romans 6:23).
- Forgiveness: God forgives our sins when we confess them and repent (1 John 1:9).
- Guidance: God promises to guide and direct our paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- Comfort: God is the God of all comfort and provides solace in times of trouble (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).
- Strength: God gives us strength in our weakness (Isaiah 40:31; 2 Corinthians 12:9).

God's Promises:

- Never Forsake Us: God promises never to leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6).
- Protection: God is our refuge and fortress, providing protection (Psalm 91:1-2).
- Answered Prayer: He promises to answer our prayers according to His will (Matthew 7:7-8; 1 John 5:14).
- Hope: God's plans for us give us hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).
- Peace in Trials: In the midst of trials, God promises to give us peace (John 16:33).
- Victory over Sin: Through Christ, we have the promise of victory over sin (Romans 8:37).
- Wisdom: He promises to give wisdom to those who ask in faith (James 1:5).

How God Keeps Us:

- By His Spirit: God sent the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, Comforter, and Guide (John 14:16-17).
 - Through His Word: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105).
 - By His Grace: It is by God's grace that we are saved and sustained (Ephesians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 12:9).
 - Through His Love: God's love never fails, and it keeps us secure (Romans 8:38-39).
 - By His Promises: God's promises are a firm foundation for our faith and security (2 Peter 1:4).
 - Through the Church: God often uses the community of believers to support and keep one another (Hebrews 10:24-25).
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God's Blessings:

Today, I want to talk to you about the incredible blessings that God offers to each one of us. These blessings are abundant and continuously encompass our physical and spiritual lives. Let us delve into a few of these blessings as revealed in the Living Word.

First, let us consider the blessing of salvation. In John 3:16, it says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." This verse reminds us of the greatest gift of all - the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Another remarkable blessing is the gift of peace. In Philippians 4:7, we read, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." This peace transcends the troubles of the world, providing us with a sense of calm and security.

However, as often as we make mistakes where would be without the blessing of God's forgiveness? God's forgiveness is also a tremendous blessing as we read in 1 John 1:9, as it is written, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This shows His willingness to forgive us when we turn to Him in repentance. God blesses us with His guidance as it states in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." God promises to guide us when we rely on Him with all our hearts. For the last blessing for this section, God is the source of comfort in times of trouble. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 tells us, "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation." He comforts us in our hardships, reminding us that we are not alone.

God's blessings are numerous and include salvation, peace, forgiveness, guidance, and comfort, among many others. These blessings are freely given to those who seek Him and trust in His promises. May we be grateful for the abundant blessings that God bestows upon us.

God's Promises:

For the next topic, I want to focus on the promises of God, which are an integral part of our faith. God's promises provide us with hope, assurance, and a durable foundation to build our lives. Let us further explore God's word and see some of these promises God has made and, arguably, more importantly, promises kept.

Firstly, we find the promise that God will never forsake us. Hebrews 13:5 assures us, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." These words remind us that God's presence is constant, even in our darkest moments. In these dark moments, God has promised to protect us; God's promise of protection in Psalm 91:1-2, says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." God is our shelter and our shield in times of trouble.

The last thing I wrote, I wrote about the power of prayer. Here is the thing I love; God placed this topic on my heart after I wrote that so He could show you the promise of answered prayers. The promise of answered prayer is another powerful assurance as we read in Matthew 7:7-8, Jesus tells us, "**Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.**" God invites us to seek His guidance and provisions through prayer.

Jeremiah 29:11 brings a promise of hope for the future: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God has a plan for our lives and our lives are filled with hope. Our life and our future contain trials and amid life's trials, John 16:33 offers a comforting promise: "**These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**" In Christ, we find peace even in the face of adversity. Ultimately, the promise of victory over sin is a cornerstone of our faith. Romans 8:37 tells us, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Through Christ, we have the assurance of overcoming sin and its consequences.

God's promises are our anchor in life. They encompass His unwavering presence, protection, answered prayer, hope, peace in trials, and victory over sin. Let us embrace and trust in these promises as we journey in our faith.

How He Keeps Us:

For the last topic, I would like to reflect on how God keeps us and sustains us throughout our journey of faith. It's a testament to His unfailing love and care for each one of us. Now, let us investigate this topic a little more.

God's promise to never leave us nor forsake us, as mentioned in Hebrews 13:5, illustrates how He keeps us, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." When I am in my own head, sometimes remember this verse and cannot begin to describe how comforting reassurance that His presence is unwavering, regardless of the circumstances. His Holy Spirit covers us as described in John 14:16-17, Jesus says, "**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**" The Holy Spirit is our Helper and Guide in our daily lives.

The Word of God, as stated in Psalm 119:105, serves as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. This is how God keeps us, by providing us with guidance and wisdom through His Word. It helps us navigate the difficulties of life. By His grace, as highlighted in Ephesians 2:8, we are not only saved but sustained. "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." God's grace is what keeps us in His favor, regardless of our shortcomings.

God's love is another means by which He keeps us secure. In Romans 8:38-39, the Apostle Paul writes, "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." This love is a steadfast anchor for our souls. Through the community of believers or the Church, God often keeps us on track and provides support. Hebrews 10:24-25 advises, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

God keeps us by His unwavering presence, the Holy Spirit, His Word, His grace, His love, and through the community of believers. We are never alone on this journey of faith, and His faithfulness is our assurance.

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