## **Promises of God**

As we talk about the many promises of God. We can rest assured that His promises are good.

We are told thru-out scripture that God is not a liar:

- *Titus 1:2* In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began
- **Hebrews 6:18** So that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
- **Numbers 23:19** God is not a man that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Lying is considered a sin and a flaw, and God, being perfect and holy, cannot engage in sin. God is THE source of truth, and truth is an essential part of His character. Unfortunately, we have been conditioned to give in to worry, anxiety, .....and not arm ourselves with His promises. So we are going to discuss those promises so we can anchor ourselves in HIS truth and start claiming those promises for our lives. These promises not only give us strength, but they help us understand the true nature and character of the God we serve.

In short, if God says it – we can take it to the bank – He will not go back on what He says.

#### God promises to work everything together for good

- 1. **ROMANS 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28 NIV)
  - a. For those of us who love Him and are called to his purpose, He promises these powerful words, "in all things God works for the good." In everything. Not just the good things that happen, but in it all, we can be assured, He will indeed bring good from it. He is our Redeemer, and He will not waste our pain.

God promises that if we submit ourselves to Him, resist the devil, and then the devil will flee – James 4:7 SUBMIT here means to obey God RESIST means oppose, withstand, resist So the instruction is to OBEY God, Withstand the Enemy and the promise is the enemy will flee. This is promise we should be thankful for indeed. This is the secret recipe to walking thru life here on earth where we are constantly in a spiritual battle.

#### God promises that we are more than conquerors

- 2. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Rom 8:37 NIV) WE HAVE VICTORY IN JESUS!!!
- 3. But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: "DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP in victory. (1Co 15:54 NASB20)
  - a. Because of what Jesus did, we being co-heirs of Christ we too have conquered SPIRITUAL DEATH by our belief and faith in Jesus.
- 4. For whoever has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. (1Jo 5:4 NASB20)
- 5. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. (2Co 12:9 NASB20) HE IS MY STRENGTH!
- 6. "No weapon forged against you shall prosper, and you will condemn every tongue that accuses you. This
- 7. (peace, righteousness, security, and triumph over opposition) is the heritage of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord" Isaiah 54:17

## God promises us that nothing can separate us from His love

- 1. Romans 8:35–39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - a. **No ONE can separate us from the love of God**. No one can pluck us out of His hand. And if you question that fact, all you have to do is think about Him sending His only begotten Son so that NONE should perish but have everlasting life. *Romans 8:32* He who did not spare His only Son, but gave

Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things.

- 2. Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose
  - a. God works ALL things for HIS good in everything. Not just the good things that happen, but in all, we can be assured, He will indeed bring good from it. He is our Redeemer and He will not waste our pain.

## God has made you a new creation

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

As the righteousness of God in Christ, you are a new creation. You were a sinner. You were full of sinful desires, but that is the old you. Now you are righteous and desire righteousness. You were weak but now you are strong. Your life is brand new.

## God promises to protect you

"For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease." Psalm 91:3

In a world filled with uncertainty, God promises His protection over every part of our lives. We can trust in His divine security from physical and spiritual harm.

#### God heals you

"He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed." 1 Peter 2:24

When sick people were brought to Jesus, He healed them all. The Lord's heart for humanity has not changed. Jesus desires to heal all. If you are sick anywhere in your body - eyes, digestion, mental illness, blood condition, cancer, any ailment - embrace the promise of total healing because of the wounds of Jesus. To be healed is His good and perfect will for our lives.

## God will give you peace

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you" Isaiah 26:3

When we readjust our thinking from the "what ifs" and "what could have been" and we focus on trusting Jesus, we can experience steadfast peace. Hide Scripture in your heart, meditate on God's word and you will become stand stronger in your faith. The peace of Jesus is perfect, it lacks nothing because it knows the victory is already won.

## God promises to be near

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8

When we draw closer to God through prayer and reading his Word, He promises to come near to us! What a beautiful invitation for an intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior.

## God has plans prosper you and not harm you

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer 29:11 NIV) Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jer 29:12 NIV) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jer 29:13 NIV)

The more you listen to God, the more your steps align with His - and your plans will lead toward a prosperous future. God's way is righteous, and He doesn't wish for anyone to fall. If you pursue the plans God has for you in each decision that you make, you will have a rich hope and future! He also promises that when we are seeking Him, He will hear our prayers, and we will **find** Him. Find in the Hebrew means to "encounter, to meet, to happen upon"

I need an encounter with Jesus everyday. So this is one of my favorite promises.

#### God will never condemn you

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

The devil is the accuser. He will condemn you and bring up past mistakes and sin. He is quick to remind you of where you missed the mark. But there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ. Shut down the voice of guilt and condemnation with this promise.

## God will bless you

"You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed." Deuteronomy 25:2-6

There's a whole bunch of promises in Deut 28. The promises are based on obedience to the law of God. As New Covenant believers, the promises of Deut 28 are available to you and me because of Jesus' obedience to the law. Because He fulfilled the law completely, we have access to every promise of Deut 28 and am free of every curse. Your children are blessed, your career is blessed, your household are blessed, and wherever you go is blessed.

## God promises purpose in the pain

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." - James 1:2-3

God reminds us to choose joy in whatever we face, confident that He is working even though every trial and hard place, to bring us greater endurance. We never gain greater strength and spiritual muscles simply by living an "easy" life. We can only build deeper faith and perseverance by walking through the hard times that press us more closely into His Presence. It is thru trials that we "encounter / find" the Lord and He shows us His character.

## God will comfort you

"...Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." - 2 Corinthians 1:4-5

Unless we experience trials and suffering, we cannot truly help another soul who faces loss and pain. It's only through our own pain and grief, or hardship, that we can have a fuller understanding of what others walkthrough as well. There's great comfort in knowing that God will use what we have experienced, no matter how difficult, to help someone else. Christ Himself suffered and tempted in "all things" so that we're reminded He truly understands "all" that we walk through in this life.

## God promises to lead you

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." Psalm 32:8 We serve a God of infinite wisdom who promises to instruct us! What a promise! As a loving Father, God wants to counsel and guide us every step that we take - every minute of every day. This is a promise – "I WILL instruct and teach you...I WILL counsel you." Not for one second will God take His eye off you and cause you to stumble. We may lose our way sometimes, and we may stumble on our own – but HE WILL NOT CAUSE IT and HE WILL NOT TAKE HIS EYE OFF OF US. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. (Isa 58:11 NIV)

# God guides you

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

We all face countless decisions in a day. There's no way we can depend on our thinking alone and be successful in anything in this life. Continually seek God and ask Him to show you the way and He promises to make your path straight. Whatever you feed will grow – your flesh....the Holy spirit living in you. We must lean on the holy spirit and not our own understanding.

## God gives you rest

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29

Jesus promises us "rest for our souls." Only in Him can our burdens be lifted, only in Him can we find help and strength in our greatest times of need. For He is our peace. True peace can never be found through this material world, money, or even in the people we love most. Time with Him is never wasted. He alone is able to change our perspective, renew our spirits, and strengthen our hearts for the day ahead.

#### God promises to give wisdom

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." James 1:5-6

There are some decisions that we face that seem to be "grey" or not right vs. wrong. We are left wondering what is the best, or wisest choice. God promises to provide us with wisdom in those moments - freely and abundantly because he is a generous God. He "gives generously to all without reproach." He is generous with his wisdom and guidance and direction. He doesn't disapprove of us for asking. But there is a condition to this promise - when we ask we need to ask in faith without doubting. When I ask God for wisdom it's because I have faith in who He says He is and what He can do.

## God will guard your heart and mind from anxiety

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

When we battle with a struggle, it's hard sometimes not to worry. Everything within us seems to drift to the "what if's" and "why's" in whatever it is we face. God's words bring life and peace. He understands how prone we are to worry and fear, He reminds us we have to make the choice not to be driven by anxiety. This is where we have to take every thought captive. When I start thinking about the "what if's", I immediately go to this verse for instructions to claim my promise.

#### God is for you

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." 1 John 4:16

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

God has loved us from the beginning with an everlasting love. He created us and knows us. God has real compassion for each one of us. He cares about what is going on in our lives. He loves us with an unfathomable love. He is steadfast in his love for us. Because He loves us we are more than conquerors in life, no matter what comes our way. Nothing whatsoever will ever separate us from His love.

#### God is a firm foundation

"When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:2

The truth is, it's easy to say, "we trust God." These words, however, are much harder to live out. Yet when we truly find rest and hope in Him alone, nothing has the power to shake us. We stand on firm ground, safe territory. We're protected, surrounded, and held secure.

We can be assured He knows our way and holds us safely in His hands, no matter what we're up against. We don't have to try to control everything, we can just let it go safely into His hands. All the worries, the burdens, the stress, and feelings of being overwhelmed.

He's got this – His ways and thoughts are higher than my ways and thoughts. That's another reason He is my firm foundation.

## God will give you mercy and grace

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" Hebrews 4:16

God's mercies are endless and everlasting. God's mercy is based on His longsuffering and compassion. Many of His healings came after people cried out for mercy. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior, this is a promise we can cling to. Jesus has provided a safe haven for us. Because of God's mercy, we escape the results of our sins.

#### God promises good things

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" James 1:17

He does good things for us and He intends to do good things for us. This doesn't mean that life will always be easy for people that love God. But HE is the giver of good gifts. I think any parent can attest to this when they reflect on holding their newborn baby – or when you finally find your soulmate. Every good and perfect gift comes from HIM....it is not something I did for myself....it's something He has done for me.

#### God's testing is to refine you

"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." - Job 23:10

We will come out "as gold," tested, tried, and true. God knows our way, and we are only passing through. He reminds us that will "come out" to the other side. Changed for the better, stronger, shining, beauty deepened from within. This is our temporary home – and we are here to serve HIS purpose. He is molding us, refining us, and shaping us for His purpose and His glory.

## God will renew you

"But they who wait for 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

In all those seemingly hopeless situations where we can't see any way out, we're battling the sense of being overwhelmed, God's power has greatest the opportunity to shine. It's in those times when we come to the end of ourselves, and we know we can't depend on our own abilities, on anything we have, or anyone we know, that we are reminded we are totally and completely reliant on Him.

Those times are the most powerful of all. He alone is our strength-giver, the one who lifts us up, so we can keep moving forward in His power and blessing. If you're struggling with weariness and anxiety, God is able to renew your strength and bring refreshment to your spirit. He has great purpose and hope still in store. Never be held back by fear and defeat.

#### God will make a way

"I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

God reminds us that He will be with us no matter what we walk through in this life. And He says "when" we do, not "if," for in this world we know we will face difficult times. But our hope is not in this world. It's secure in Christ. He will make a way where there seems to be no way, even in the toughest of situations. This seems to be God's specialty.

## God will never leave you

"The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8

When the way seems unclear, when things have changed in our circumstances and we don't know what to do, we can be assured that God still leads us. He never leaves us on our own to figure it all out. His word reminds us that He is the One who holds our hand. He goes before us, paving out new pathways, opening doors, and healing broken places so we can walk through. God has it all figured out. So we don't have to worry. He's working on our behalf even when we can't see it all.

## God will be with you

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." - Deuteronomy 31:6

"When you go thru the deep waters, I will be with you" Isaiah 43:2

This is one of the most powerful promises in Scripture—no matter what we face, we are never alone. God's presence is constant, offering us strength and comfort through every trial and circumstance. His promise to be with us reminds us that we can trust Him in both the good and difficult times

## God will meet your needs and God will provide

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19

Not only is this a promise to supply your needs – but He knows your every need. You can trust that God has enough riches to meet and supply your every need! Whether your needs are emotional, spiritual, or physical, you have a loving God that will meet you in your time of need. God's provision is not limited by our circumstances; His resources are boundless. Whether we are in need of physical sustenance, emotional strength, or spiritual encouragement, God promises to meet all our needs. We can trust Him to provide for us in every season of life

#### God promises to answer prayer

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

God assures us that He hears our prayers and responds to those who earnestly seek Him. Whether we see immediate answers or wait for His perfect timing, God is faithful to listen and respond according to His will. We can approach Him with confidence, knowing that our prayers never fall on deaf ears.

## God fights for us

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:14

This powerful promise reminds us that the battles we face are not ours to fight alone. Whether we're facing personal struggles, spiritual warfare, or overwhelming circumstances, God goes before us, defending and protecting us. Our job is to trust in His strength and be still, allowing Him to bring victory in His way and time.

No matter what we face, these promises are anchors for our souls, reminding us that we are never alone and that His goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. As you meditate on these truths, may your heart be filled with confidence and peace, knowing that God is faithful to fulfill every word He has spoken. Let these promises not only bring comfort in difficult times but also inspire you to live boldly, trusting in the unshakable foundation of His word.

#### Promises of God in the Old Testament.

God promised to bless Abraham and, through his descendants, the whole world (<u>Genesis 12:2–3</u>). This promise, called the <u>Abrahamic Covenant</u>, pointed to the coming Messiah for whom Abraham looked (<u>John 8:56</u>).

God promised Israel to be their God and make them His people (Leviticus 26:12–13). Old Testament history is teeming with examples of God fulfilling this promise.

God promised that if we search for Him we will find Him (<u>Deuteronomy 4:29</u>). He is not playing hard-to-get. "Our God is near us whenever we pray to him" (<u>Deuteronomy 4:7</u>).

God promised protection for His children (Psalm 121). He was the vigilant watchman over all Israel.

God promised that His love will never fail (1 Chronicles 16:34). He is faithful in every way.

God promised Israel that their sin could be forgiven, their prosperity restored, and their nation healed (<u>2 Chronicles 7:14</u>). Repentance opened the road to fellowship and blessing.

God, under the terms of the Mosaic Covenant, promised prosperity to Israel for obedience and destruction for disobedience (Deuteronomy 30:15–18). Unfortunately, Israel eventually chose to disobey, and the nation was destroyed by Assyria and Babylon.

God promised blessing for all who will delight themselves in His Word (Psalm 1:1-3). Simple faith has its rewards.

#### Promises of God in the New Testament.

God promised salvation to all who believe in His Son (Romans 1:16-17). There is no greater blessing than the free gift of God's salvation.

God promised that all things will work out for good for His children (Romans 8:28). This is the broader picture that keeps us from being dismayed by present circumstances.

God promised comfort in our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). He has a plan, and one day we will be able to share the comfort we receive.

God promised new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Salvation is the beginning of a brand-new existence.

God promised every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Whereas, in the Old Testament, Israel had the promise of physical blessing, the church today has been promised spiritual blessings "in the heavenly realms." Our inheritance is reserved for us (1 Peter 1:4).

God promised to finish the work He started in us (Philippians 1:6). God does nothing in half measures. He started the work in us, and He will be sure to complete it.

God promised peace when we pray (Philippians 4:6-7). His peace is protection. It will "guard your hearts and your minds in Christ."

God promised to supply our needs (<u>Matthew 6:33</u>; <u>Philippians 4:19</u>). Not that we get everything we *want*, but our *needs* will be taken care of. We are more valuable than the birds, and our Heavenly Father feeds them (<u>Matthew 6:26</u>).

#### Jesus' promises in the Gospels.

Jesus promised rest (Matthew 11:28-30). Burdens are lifted at Calvary.

Jesus promised <u>abundant life</u> to those who follow Him (<u>John 10:10</u>). Following Jesus brings us more spiritual fulfillment than we could have anticipated. We leave boring behind.

Jesus promised eternal life to those who trust Him (<u>John 4:14</u>). The Good Shepherd also promised to hold us securely: "No one will snatch them out of my hand" (<u>John 10:28</u>).

Jesus promised His disciples power from on high (Acts 1:8). In this power, they "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6, ESV).

Jesus promised that He will return for us (John 14:2-3). From then on, we will be with Him always.

There are many more promises of God that could be listed. All of them find their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ, "the radiance of God's glory" (Hebrews 1:3). "No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20).