

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. But 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)