

Standing On the Promises

Faithful people do lose hope. They meet with hard times, seemingly hopeless times, or just boring times. One of the most consistent disciplines of faithful Christians over the years is that when they lose hope, they look to **God's promises in Scripture**. In faith, they trust that God will honor those promises, and they find [hope](#) in that.

Promises are not a simple thing to hold to. You don't simply flop open the Bible, look at whatever page it flops to, and claim as your own the first promise you come to. You don't put the promises on slips of paper, toss them into a hat, stick your hand into it, pull one out and say, 'that's mine!'. Not all promises apply to everyone or to every situation. It takes [prayerful discernment](#) to find out what promises were meant for us to take to heart for right now.

For example : Abraham was promised that his offspring would be a great nation through whom the whole world would be blessed. Every Jew, Christian and Muslim is in some way a part of or a result of that promise. But it is not a promise to *you* and *your* offspring the same way it was a promise to Abraham.

The prophet Isaiah gives us a promise about what God says (Isaiah 40:8): "*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.*"

The **Scriptural promises are words from God**, sent to give comfort to those who seek to live as God leads them to live. They weren't given an expiration date, nor are they just for the pious few.

Here are some of the promises the Bible tells us are for those who put their trust in God :

1. Christ accepts us :

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

John 6:37

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

2. God gives eternal life :

[John 5:24](#); *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."*

[John 10:28](#) *"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."*

3. God forgives us :

[1 John 1:7-9](#); *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

4. God is faithful to us :

[Joshua 1:9](#);

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

[Isaiah 41:10](#)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

5. God comforts us :

[Psalm 23](#)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pasture. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

6. Christ is always with us :

[Matthew 28:20](#);

Jesus said: teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

[Hebrews 13:5,6](#)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

7. God protects us from harm :

[Psalm 91:9](#),

If you make the Most High your dwelling-- even the LORD, who is my refuge-- then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways"

[Psalm 121](#)

"I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip--he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you--the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm--he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

8. God gives us courage :

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[Ephesians 6:10-18](#)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when

the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”

9. God gives us wisdom :

[James 1:5](#)

“ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him”

10 .God gives us the strength to refuse temptation

[1 Corinthians 10: 13;](#)

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

James 1:12

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him”

11.God answers prayer :

[John 15:7](#)

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

12.God gives peace of mind :

[Philippians 4:6,7](#)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, 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.”