

You Can Count On the Promises of God

God is faithful and true in everything that He says and does. So you can count on the **promises of God** to be absolutely trustworthy.

2 Peter 1:4 *He has given us his very **great and precious promises**.*

•• There are thousands of **God's promises** in the Bible. Learn to receive them, because **God is faithful!**

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Genesis 28:12-15 [15b] *I will not leave you **UNTIL I HAVE DONE** what I have **PROMISED** you.*

•• **God's absolute steadfastness** over a **long time**.

• Hebrews 6:12 *...imitate those who through faith & **PATIENCE** inherit what has been **promised**.*

• Fulfilled in Israel in Christ's time and today = **long time**.

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Numbers 23:19 *God is **NOT** a man, that He should **LIE**, nor a son of man, that He should **CHANGE HIS MIND**. Does He speak and then not act? Does He **promise** and **not fulfill**?*

•• Don't evaluate God's reliability like a **human's**.

• God will **never lie**, never **deceive**, never **mislead** you.

• And God will **not change His mind**.

If God has promised, the **promise is TRUE**, and God will not change His mind. You can **COUNT ON** God's promises.

Joshua 21:43-45 *So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn.... [44] The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn.... [45] **Not one** of all the LORD's good promises to the house of Israel **failed; every one was fulfilled**.*

Joshua 23:14 *...[b] **not one** of all the good **promises** the LORD your God gave you has **failed**. Every promise has been fulfilled; **not one has failed**.*

•• God promised Israel land ... promised them rest.

• **EVERY** promise of God was **FULFILLED**.

The Bible is a historical record of the **ABSOLUTE RELIABILITY** of God's promises. The promises have **always proven trustworthy**, so you can **COUNT ON** them.

Psalms 119:140 *Your promises have been **THOROUGHLY TESTED**, and your servant loves them.*

•• Over thousands of years, the promises of God have been "**thoroughly tested**" and found to be **true**.

• God **healed Abraham's wife's** barrenness.

• Five centuries later He **still healed** (the snakebitten Israelites in wilderness)

• **1,500 years later** He **still healed** (Gospels, Acts...)

• Another **2,000 years** later He **still heals today** as we pray in faith believing!

Over the space of **4,000 years** (Abraham to now), God's promises have been **THOROUGHLY TESTED** and found **TRUE**.

Psalms 145:13 *...The LORD is **faithful to all his promises** and loving toward all He has made.*

•• "God is **faithful**" (2 Cor. 1:18).

•• "**Faithful** is He that calleth you, who also will **do it**" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

•• Hebrews 10:23 *"...He who **promised is faithful**."*

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FAITHFUL.

Romans 4:13, 16 *It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but **through the righteousness that comes by faith....** [16] Therefore, the **promise comes by faith**, so that it may be **by grace ...***

•• "The promise comes **by FAITH...by GRACE.**"

• God is a God of **infinite (everlasting)** grace.

• You **can't earn or deserve** the promises of God. They are ours by **grace!**

If you can **BELIEVE** God, you can **COUNT ON** His promises, because they are **FREE gifts** of His grace.

Romans 4:19-21 ...[20] *Yet he did **not waver through unbelief** regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, [21] being **fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.***

•• The promises of God **don't** depend on **your** abilities, but depend on **God's abilities..**

• Abraham was 100, Sarah 90 When Isaac was born. They **themselves had ZERO ability** to bear children.

• The key was Abraham's confidence that "**GOD had power to DO what He had PROMISED.**"

If you can focus on **GOD's unlimited power**, then you can **COUNT ON** that power to fulfill God's promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "**Yes**" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

•• **All** the promises of God are "**YES in CHRIST!**"

• God says, "I promise" ... **Jesus says, "YES!"**

• Jesus is the **Guarantee** of God's promises.

You can **COUNT ON** the promises of God because **Jesus** is saying, "**YES and AMEN**" to them on your behalf.

SUMMARY

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