

John 14: 15-21 Promises

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Promises are like babies; easy to make, hard to deliver

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Promises are like crying babies in a theatre, they should be carried out at once.

Norman Vincent Peale

We promise according to our hopes, and perform according to our fears

Francois duc de la Rochefoucauld

Promises & pie crusts are made to be broken

Jonathan Swift

Losers make promises they often break.

Winners make commitments they always keep.

Denis Waitley

We must not promise what we ought not, lest we be called on to perform what we cannot.

Abraham Lincoln

The promises of yesterday are the taxes of today.

William Lyon MacKenzie

Vot for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing

Bernard Baruch

Promise only what you can deliver.

Then deliver more than you promise.

Author unknown

Between today and tomorrow are graves, and between promising
and fulfilling are chasms.

Author unknown

A politician is known by the promises he keeps.

Author unknown

But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost

Politicians are the same all over.

They promise to build bridges even when there are no rivers.

Nikita Khrushchev

Let God's promises shine on your problems.

Corrie Ten Boom

No pillow so soft as God's promise.

Author Unknown

God's promises are like the stars; the darker the night the brighter
they shine.

David Nicholas

We are all accustomed to promises.

We are also accustomed to seeing them made and broken.

Anyone who has lived for a number of years would certainly never
lay claim to having kept every promise made.

There are many reasons why this is true.

Sometimes we forget, sometimes we are negligent, and sometimes it may be due to circumstances beyond our control.

A brokenhearted young lady once said, “ But he promised to marry me.” And the answer came back, “ Yes, but I changed my mind.”

People do change their mind, and they do break their promises.

God’s promises to us

1 He has promised to supply every need we have

“ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:19

Now notice, God has obligated Himself only to the extent of our needs.

That would include food, clothing, shelter, companionship, love, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

It would not include the multiplicity of luxuries that we have come to think of as needs,

2 God has promised that His grace is sufficient for us.

“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me (thorn) But he said to me “ My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

In fact, Jesus has made provision for our salvation by His grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8-9

“ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith....and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God....not by works, so that no one can boast.”

3 God has promised that His children will not be overtaken with temptation.

“ 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.” 2 Corinth. 12:9

Darius, King of the Medes, said to Daniel, “ Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver us”

4 God has promised us victory over death

He first resurrected Jesus by way of assuring our resurrection. Peter said, “ *This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are witnesses*” Acts 2:32

Paul wrote to the Corinthians “ *I received I passed onto you, as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,....1 Cor. 15:3-4*

Later on he adds, “ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

5 God has promised that all things work together for good to those who love and serve God faithfully 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.”

It may be difficult for us to see and understand how this is accomplished at times, but God has promised it, and He will deliver.

6 God has promised that those who believe in Jesus and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins will be saved.

“ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16

“ Peter replied, “ Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

7 God has promised His people eternal life

“My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28

Live....so the promises of God will be yours.

In John 14, the Apostle Paul records some words of Jesus, the first one is the PROMISE OF HEAVEN

The second promise we find in verses 16,17...

“ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever....the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

Here Jesus is promising to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in the disciples.

He could promise the Spirit because it was the same Spirit that was with them in Himself!

Again, we read in John 16:7

“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”

Jesus was speaking about how the world hated Him and how it would hate them, but he did not want them to worry because He was going to provide for them.

The Holy Spirit would be sent to them, but first He must go to the Cross!

God sealed His promise of the Spirit with the death, resurrection, and ascension of His only begotten Son!

Conclusion

1 The Holy Spirit is alive and well, and everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Saviour receives the Holy Spirit within them, **God made a promise and He keeps His Promises.**

2 Everyone who receives the Holy Spirit receives power to be a witness for Him, that means you and me

Be assured YOU CAN be a witness for the Lord, and you can be one with power

3 And remember this, **JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!**
Live your life like you know Jesus is coming today, because He could.

Don't let down your guard, pursue your Lord passionately and rejoice in the marvelous glory of His second coming!

Today.....if you need to repent of sin and come back to your Lord, why don't you do it now! PRAYER DESK

If you know you are a sinner and need to come to the Lord for the first time, do it now!