

*The Integrity of
God's Promises*

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INTRODUCTION

Consider something extremely precious: God's promises. Many times we take them for granted; often we don't think of them at all. Yet, God backs up every one of them with His integrity.

God promised Abraham that all of the land of Canaan would belong to his descendants (Genesis 12:3), and that promise came to pass. He promised to lead Israel into the Promised Land and drive out all the enemies for them (Deuteronomy 7 and 8).

Not a single word of God's promises has ever fallen to the ground (1 Kings 8:56). Not one promise has ever failed. Not one! Not one pertaining to my family; not one pertaining to the Body of Christ; not one! Instead of living in defeat or despair, instead of getting worried, we should always just head for God's promises.

Acts 27:25 says, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." What God says, He

will do. What He has done for others, He will do for you. This booklet is written to help every believer recognize just what he has in Christ: a vast array of promises that never fall to the ground.

Chapter One
YEA AND AMEN

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

“Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it” (Numbers 23:19-20).

When God says something, He supports it with His integrity (Psalm 33:4). It doesn’t matter what the promise is, God will keep it. He who began a good work in us will be faithful to perfect that work. That is a promise I claim for our young people when they are going through difficult times. And, I have watched so many come through because God was faithful to keep His promises.

He Perfects What Concerns Us

“The LORD will perfect that which concer-

neth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands" (Psalm 138:8).

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (2 Corinthians 1:20).

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25, 26).

God perfects everything that concerns the believer. All of His promises are "Yea and Amen." We who believe in Him will never taste death. What is left of our bodies will go into the grave, but our soul and our spirit will go straight up, to be with Jesus. We will simply change our address: "33 Golden Street of Heaven, Mansion number 73." There we will live with our saved loved ones for ever and ever.

Jesus told the disciples, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death" (John 8:51).

Will these promises fall to the ground? No. When we all get to heaven, there will be a great reunion, a fantastic gathering together. We will have such a day of rejoicing. This is His precious Word. Believe it!

Chapter Two

IRREVERSIBLE BLESSINGS

A pastor from another denomination was removed from his church after being caught in one act of adultery. The church leaders made him get up in front of the congregation, confess what he did, and then they kicked him out. They did this even though he had forsaken his sin and reunited with his wife.

This man was ready to give up on his life, and all because his church forced him to confess all his faults from his pulpit—before a congregation of sinners. That is not the scriptural way of dealing with sins. In fact, some of those people will be thinking about what he did for the next twenty years.

When I heard what had happened, I called him and said, “Please don’t give up. God has a plan for your life. You have repented; you have forsaken your sin.” Then, I just started relating promises to him.

"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," I told him. "Can you believe it? God doesn't remember your sin. He is merciful concerning our unrighteousness. He will never remember our sins and iniquities. You have repented. Receive His cleansing. You know that God can never lie."

The beautiful thing is that this pastor grasped it. He recently called to tell me that he and his wife are moving to pioneer a work in a new area. The heart of God expressed to him through my telephone call changed his life. I never met the man face to face. I just gave him the Truth. The integrity of God's promises did the work in his life.

Jesus Came to Save

Jesus Christ did not come to destroy people. He came to save them (see John 12:47; John 3:16-17). Anyone who tries to destroy is not of God. Jesus came to save sinners. Everyone is a sinner, so everyone needs saving by the Blood of the Lamb, by grace through faith in Him.

Paul wrote, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Timothy 1:15). He considered himself to be

“less than the least.” You cannot get much lower than being less than the least.

Once we who are less than the least receive eternal life, we can never lose it. No one can pluck us out of the Father’s hand (John 10:28). That is a promise. Will God’s promise ever fall to the ground? No, never. Never! Our Father is greater than all. He does not see our sins because He has agreed with the Son that the Blood shed on Calvary covers them all.

“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (Acts 16:31).

My mind goes back to a beautiful lady in our early ministry. She had four children. The youngest, a daughter, got saved. But the three sons refused to receive Jesus. This woman just prayed and prayed. She believed her household would come to Christ.

This lady came down with leukemia and died very quickly. She went to heaven claiming the promise for her family to be saved. At her funeral, I preached on Acts 16:31 and then watched as those three boys came forward to get saved. That promise was fulfilled right before our eyes.

Not one of God’s promises ever falls to the

ground. They are all yea and amen. There is no greater way to live than to be a Christian. There is nothing more precious than to have a Redeemer, Lord, and Savior such as we have.

Chapter Three

UNDERNEATH ARE HIS EVERLASTING ARMS

“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them” (Deuteronomy 33:27).

Moses was on his deathbed. He was 120 years old, and soon the angels would hold a funeral for him. God did not allow the people to bury Moses. (Sometimes I imagine that the angels had a funeral and that Gabriel did the preaching while Michael sang the songs!) Moses’ body has never been found, but we do know that his soul body appeared with Jesus’ glorified body on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-3).

Before he died, Moses gathered his spiritual leaders, the priests and the Levites. He taught them, saying, “Listen, I am going home to God. You have a tremendous responsibility on your

hands. Trust God, love Him, and believe in His promises. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27).

Remembering God's Faithfulness

Consider that as Moses was dying, he was remembering how he failed miserably and then spent forty years wandering through the backside of the desert. He remembered the day he met God in the burning bush. God caused a fire in the bush, but it was not consumed (Exodus 3:2-3). It was as if God said to Moses, "Moses, you failed, but you will be victorious as you get to know Me in your desert experience. Israel has gone against Me. Yet, just as the fire is not consuming this bush, she will not be consumed."

Then Moses remembered how God said, "Stand still and go forward" (Exodus 14:13-15). He recalled how God told him to stretch forth his rod, and the waters of the Red Sea parted. Israel walked to the other side on dry ground. God told him to stretch forth his rod again and the sea washed away the chariots of the Egyptians so that they would never be seen again.

Moses spoke of the time when God brought water out of the rock. He remembered the time

when he put a tree in the bitter waters, and the waters became sweet (Exodus 15:25). He thought of the manna that fell from heaven to feed the people.

If Moses' life flashed before his eyes, I am sure it was not his sins that were coming back to him. I believe that he saw all the promises that God had fulfilled for him. God doesn't remember our sins so why would He bring them up before us when we are getting close to going home? We are protected by a wall of fire (Zechariah 2:5), the fire of the Holy Spirit. Positional truth reveals the foundation underneath us—our new creation in Christ.

God Is at the Bottom

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27a).

When I hit bottom, Jesus Christ is still underneath me. Perhaps my "bottom" is a health problem; maybe it is failure or despair. The bottom could be bereavement. No matter what kind of bottom I hit, He is there, under me, holding me up.

This has always captivated me. Moses failed with his anger in the first forty years of his life,

but then he became the meekest man on the face of the earth. In Deuteronomy 33:27, he spoke of the God of the Finished Work. Even way back then, the Finished Work was being exalted. "Refuge" speaks of the sheltering sanctuary where we are with God. "Underneath" means God is present under the lowest of our lows.

Finally, Moses commissioned Joshua, whom he had trained to preach and to lead. Later, Joshua heard this promise from God: "Every place the sole of your foot shall touch, shall be yours, just as I promised Moses."

In marriages, in businesses, in families, our God shall supply all of our needs. Let's take up a promise and put our foot down upon it to claim it in faith.

Consider God's promise in Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." That is a great promise for those who have unsaved loved ones. Take that promise, put your foot on it, and say, "I am standing in the grace of God and believing in this promise. Hell will not stop me. I will have faith-rest in this promise."

Get to know the integrity of God and recognize that He loves everything about you. He paid for your sins. God desires to show His in-

tegrity to you verse by verse, promise upon promise. There is not a promise He won't fulfill for you.

Many of you who are sick can take a promise, stand on it, and get healed right now. Do not let the devil cause you to think otherwise. Believe on the grace of God, and by faith claim the promise for yourself.

CONCLUSION

“Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner” (1 Peter 2:7).

“Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand” (Psalm 37:24).

“The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down” (Psalm 145:14).

Do you know that the promises you have claimed have already been proven? They have already been given. Every place the sole of your foot shall touch shall be yours.

Are finances a problem? Do not despair. Reach out in faith to God and trust Jesus as you claim His promise that He will take care of you (Psalm 37:25).

Are you battling sickness? He sent His Word to heal you (Psalm 107:20).

Whatever the issue, God has given us a promise. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2); it is impossible for Him to lie (Hebrews 6:18).

Read your Bible and believe that God's integrity is behind every word. Have you ever stopped in the middle of reading and said to yourself, "That is a promise I've been waiting for—and now I have it!"? The more you read the Scriptures, the more promises you will have to stand on.

No one ever gets out of God's range. Where sin abounds, grace does much more abound. Sin reigns unto death, but grace reigns through God's righteousness unto eternal life (Romans 5:21).

Let these words build you up today. Get to know God so intimately that you can go to Him with everything, casting your cares upon Him. Discover how much He cares for you!

Father, we desire to have Your integrity in every area of our lives. We have the Holy Spirit, and we know that You will never leave us or forsake us. Comfort us, bless us, meet our needs, and give us hope. Underneath us are Your everlasting arms. In despair, in financial distress, in incompatible relationships, You are still there. Thank You for the integrity of Your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen.