

An Attempt To Listen To God

God's Wonderful Promises

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A promise from God does not have to be a specific pledge. Every manifestation of His purposes, whither they are prophecies or statements concerning Himself, are promises. There are those who have diligently sought to count the promises of the scriptures and they range from 3000 to 8000. The scriptures use several words relating to God's promises:

The Word	Number of Verses
Promise	50 verses
Promised	47 verses
Promising	1 verse
Promises	13 verses
Oath	59 verses
For my Name's sake	15 verses
I will (not all of them)	1540 verses
As I live	26 verses

The promises of God are vast and spread throughout the scriptures with the first being in Genesis and the last in Revelation. After sin had come into the world God promised: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15). The last promise is spoken by the Lord when He said: "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)

Because of the knowledge, power, and fidelity of God, for He cannot lie (Titus 1:2), His every promise is: "Yea, and Amen" (2 Cor. 1:20). He is the God who says: "I change not" (Mal. 3:6), therefore:

- a) No promise will ever be broken. "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips." (Psa. 89:34)
- b) No promise will ever fail. "Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake" (Josh. 23:14). God's promises will never fail because: "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).

His promises cover such a wide range of experiences:

The Situation	The Promise	Reference
When tempted	"There hath no temptation taken you but such is as common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it"	1 Cor. 10:13
Look for Him	"Unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation"	Heb. 9:28
Suffer with Him	"If so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together"	Rom. 8:17
Confess Him	"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father"	Matt. 10:32

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When we sin and need forgiveness	"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"	1 Jn. 1:9
When we are weak	"Come boldly unto the Throne of grace"	Heb. 4:16
To overcomers	To him that overcometh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God"</li> <li>• "Shall not be hurt of the second death"</li> <li>• "Give to eat of the hidden manna"</li> <li>• "I will give him power over the nations"</li> <li>• "Shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life"</li> <li>• "Because thou has kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation"</li> <li>• "I will make a pillar in the temple of my God"</li> <li>• "I will grant to sit with me in my throne"</li> </ul>	Rev. 2:7 Rev. 2:11 Rev. 2:17 Rev. 2:26 Rev. 3:5 Rev. 3:10 Rev. 3:12 Rev. 3:21
To those under the burden of our sins	"As far as the East is from the West, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us"	Psa. 103:12
To those in turmoil	"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee"	Isa. 26:3
His presence	"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"	Heb. 13:5
His tender care	"The Lord is my Shepherd"	Psa. 23:1
To those who need guidance	"The Lord your God which goeth before you"	Deut. 1:30
To those who face a martyrs death	"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"	Rev. 2:10



**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.  
John 16:13**

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