

Question: What are the promises of God?

Answer: There are many, many promises of God in Scripture. In each promise, God pledges that something will (or will not) be done or given or come to pass. These are not flippant, casual promises such as we often make; these promises of God are rock-solid, unequivocal commitments made by God Himself. Because God is faithful, the recipients of the divine promises can have full assurance that what God has pledged will indeed be realized (Numbers 23:19).

Here are just a few of the promises that God has made:

Promises of God in the Old Testament

God promised to bless Abraham and, through his descendants, the whole world (Genesis 12:2–3). This promise, called the Abrahamic Covenant, pointed to the coming Messiah for whom Abraham looked (John 8:56).

God promised Israel to be their God and make them His people (Leviticus 26:12–13). Old Testament history is teeming with examples of God fulfilling this promise.

God promised that if we search for Him we will find Him (Deuteronomy 4:29). He is not playing hard-to-get. “Our God is near us whenever we pray to

him” (Deuteronomy 4:7).

God promised protection for His children (Psalm 121). He was the vigilant watchman over all Israel.

God promised that His love will never fail (1 Chronicles 16:34). He is faithful in every way.

God promised Israel that their sin could be forgiven, their prosperity restored, and their nation healed (2 Chronicles 7:14). Repentance opened the road to fellowship and blessing.

God, under the terms of the Mosaic Covenant, promised prosperity to Israel for obedience and destruction for disobedience (Deuteronomy 30:15–18). Unfortunately, Israel eventually chose to disobey, and the nation was destroyed by Assyria and Babylon.

God promised blessing for all who will delight themselves in His Word (Psalm 1:1–3). Simple faith has its rewards.

Promises of God in the New Testament

God promised salvation to all who believe in His Son (Romans 1:16–17). There is no greater blessing than the free gift of God’s salvation.

God promised that all things will work out for good for His children (Romans 8:28). This is the broader picture that keeps us from being dismayed by present

circumstances.

God promised comfort in our trials (2 [Corinthians 1:3–4](#)). He has a plan, and one day we will be able to share the comfort we receive.

God promised new life in Christ (2 [Corinthians 5:17](#)). Salvation is the beginning of a brand-new existence.

God promised every spiritual blessing in Christ ([Ephesians 1:3](#)). Whereas, in the Old Testament, Israel had the promise of physical blessing, the church today has been promised spiritual blessings “in the heavenly realms.” Our inheritance is reserved for us (1 [Peter 1:4](#)).

God promised to finish the work He started in us ([Philippians 1:6](#)). God does nothing in half measures. He started the work in us, and He will be sure to complete it.

God promised peace when we pray ([Philippians 4:6–7](#)). His peace is protection. It will “guard your hearts and your minds in Christ.”

God promised to supply our needs ([Matthew 6:33](#); [Philippians 4:19](#)). Not that we get everything we *want*, but our *needs* will be taken care of. We are more valuable than the birds, and our Heavenly Father feeds them ([Matthew 6:26](#)).

Jesus’ promises in the Gospels

Jesus promised rest ([Matthew 11:28–30](#)). Burdens are lifted at Calvary.

Jesus promised abundant life to those who follow Him ([John 10:10](#)). Following Jesus brings us more spiritual fulfillment than we could have anticipated. We leave boring behind.

Jesus promised eternal life to those who trust Him ([John 4:14](#)). The Good Shepherd also promised to hold us securely: “No one will snatch them out of my hand” ([John 10:28](#)).

Jesus promised His disciples power from on high ([Acts 1:8](#)). In this power, they “turned the world upside down” ([Acts 17:6](#), ESV).

Jesus promised that He will return for us ([John 14:2–3](#)). From then on, we will be with Him always.

There are many more promises of God that could be listed. All of them find their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ, “the radiance of God’s glory” ([Hebrews 1:3](#)). “No matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ” (2 [Corinthians 1:20](#)).