

The Promises of God

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Shirley Lawson

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* God gave me two promises here. He said whosoever believeth, and I did, and He also promised eternal life, and I know He will.

Romans 8:28 - *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* I have seen this in my life many times. He does work for our good.

Romans 8:30 - *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.* God did predestinate me unto salvation. This I know because He saved me. And He has promised to justify, and glorify me.

Matthew 6:6 - *But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.* I know prayers I have prayed in secret that no one else knew about, God has answered.

Matthew 6:28-34 - *And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.* Here God tells us to take no thought of our raiment, or what shall we eat or drink, because He said seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you." I have seen this often in my life. God promises He would take care of us and He does. He knows when a sparrow falls and He knows when we have needs.

Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* This promise is dear to me, because I have no strength of my own, but through Christ I can witness, or teach Sunday School or whatever He calls me to do.

God has promises peace in Philippians 4:9. He said, *"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."*

Philippians 4:19 - *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.* This my God has done. He has supplied all my needs.

Jeremiah 23:23 - *Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?* It is I who move away from God. He is always at hand. I have never been failed by Him.

I Kings 8:12 - *Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.* The Lord has brought me through many dark times.

Romans 6:14 - *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.* God said sin will not be a practice in my life, but He has power over it, and I am reminded daily of this through the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 3:14 - *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.* Thank GOD!

Galatians 3:29 - *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Galatians 5:16 - *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.* I have found when I walk in the Spirit, I'm at peace. When I walk in the flesh, I don't have His peace.

Proverbs 8:32 - *Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.* If we could remember this daily, we would have many more blessings than we ordinarily receive.

Proverbs 8:34 - *Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.*

Proverbs 20:7 - *The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.* We all want our children to be blessed and this promise says they can be.

Exodus 20:5 - *I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;* This is a very sobering promise, one we need to take to heart, and pray God will help us.

Exodus 20:6 - *And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

Exodus 20:12 - *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.* This is a promise to young and old alike.

John 14:14 - *If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.* God said it and I believe it!

John 14:16 - *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;* God has sent us the Holy Spirit to guide us forever. We need to be careful not to grieve the Holy Spirit. We need His guidance in all things of life. We need not to be left to ourselves. This is also in John 14:26, which states, *"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*

Philippians 4:7 - *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* He has sent us the Holy Spirit to comfort us. He does this daily in my life.

Psalms 126:5 - *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.* We reap what we sow.

Joshua 1:5 - *... I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.* God promise still stands today for His people. It is a promise that He is with us no matter what we go through. He has done this many times in my life. He has never forsaken me even though I deserve it.

Lamentations 3:22-23 - *His compassions never fail, they are new every morning.* To me this is one of my favorite verses, every day is a new day to serve God.

Hebrews 13:5 - *Never will he leave or forsake me.* How reassuring to know God is always with us. He promises this in His Word.

Hebrews 6:19 - *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast,* God is the one sure thing we have in our life. He is our anchor.

I John 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world.* Here we see our victory in Christ Jesus. He has helped me overcome so many bad habits and thoughts.

Psalms 119:105 - *He is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.* What a promise He lights our way through a world of darkness.

Revelation 21:5,6 - *Behold I make all things new. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.* He said He will, and God doesn't break promises.

Philippians 2:10 - *That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.* This is a promise to everyone

saved or lost. Thank God I bowed in this life.

I Corinthians 15:52 - *In a moment in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* God's promise to return and take us out of this world, and we will be changed from this corruptible body.

I Timothy 4:16 - *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine: continue in them; for in doing so thou shalt save thyself and them that hear you.* God promised if we heed, we will help ourselves and influence the lost too.

Proverbs 1:5 - *A wise man will hear and will increase learning:* I have learned that I need to really hear and study. It is the only way to learn what God has for my life.

Romans 10:9-10 - *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* This is a solid promise that God would save me if I would believe in my heart and confess with my mouth He would save me.

Matthew 6:33 - *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* God has promised me if I seek Him first, the promises in the verses before this is mine.

I Thessalonians 4:16,17 - *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* A promise that is dear to me and every saved person of the Lord coming back to gather his people before the tribulation.

I Corinthians 15:51,52 - *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* A mystery God has revealed to us of the rapture of the saints and we will be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

Hebrews 12:2 - *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* God is telling us He is the author and finisher of our faith, a promise that it is all of Him, and we have nothing to do with it.

John 8:32 - *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* A promise that His Spirit will bear witness with our spirits.

John 8:32 - *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* God said the truth will set us free, and it has. Free from the threat of hell.

I Corinthians 10:13 - *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is 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 to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.* God has promised me He will not let me be tempted more than I can bear, and He has made a way for me to escape. He has proved this many times in my life.

John 10:29 - *My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.* God has promised me no one can pluck me out of His hand.

Matthew 16:18 - *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* God has promised that the church will be here throughout all ages.

Psalms 121:3 - *He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.* He has promised He will not slumber or suffer thy foot to stumble. He has always been there when I need Him, it is

I who moves away. He never is far from us.

Psalms 121:5 - *The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.* The Lord is my Keeper and if He wasn't, I wouldn't keep myself.

Acts 13:46 - *Lo, we turn to the Gentiles.* Thank God.

Matthew 4:19 - *And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* In this verse Jesus said He would make us fishers of men. Only through Him can we have the grace to make us fishers of men. Grace to witness.

Proverbs 13:13 - *He that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.* God has promised rewards for us who try to keep His commandments.

Proverbs 13:20 - *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.*

The whole chapter of Isaiah 54 is filled with promises.

Isaiah 53 - The promise of our coming redeemer.

Psalms 36:9 - *In Him is a fountain of life and light.*

John 6:35 - *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.* He is the bread of life, a promise of life everlasting.

John 11:25 - *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:* God's promise to us of eternal life if we believe in Him. He gave us this free gift.

Proverbs 15:16 - *Better is a little with the Lord than great treasure.* God helps me to be content.

Proverbs 17:22 - *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.* God's promise is to keep our heart merry through Him. It will do our bodies good too. I know when I'm happy in the Lord, it can't be compared to anything else.

Proverbs 18:24 - *He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.* He is even closer to us than family and is always with us.

Revelation 22:12 - *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.* He will come quickly and His reward is with Him.

Rev. 22:13 - *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.* He has promised me He is the beginning and the end.

Revelation 21:1 - *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.* He has promised a new heaven and a new earth. And in verse 4, God wipe away all tears and no more death, or sorrow or pain, this is peace.

Revelation 20:6 - *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.* I am blessed because of the first resurrection, I won't have to die twice.

My name is written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 1:18 - *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.* He promises He will be alive forever more, and have the keys of death and hell.

II Cor. 5:21 - *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* He who knew no sin was put to death for my sin. A promise He made unto all

that believe.

Hebrews 4:16 - *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.* The Lord has promised me I can come boldly unto the throne of God with my needs of grace and mercy.

Matthew 11:29,30 - *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.* He has promised me His yoke is easy and His burden light. I can go to Him with my trials and troubles and get rest.

Proverbs 9:10 - *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.* He promises that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs 8:17 - *I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.* He promises He will love them that love Him.

Margaret Beeny

My husband and I were saved December 10, 1945.

I entered the tuberculosis Sanitarium December 10, 1946. But I didn't begin reading my Bible until some months later. I was reading along and came to this verse.

Isaiah 41:13 - *For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.* Suddenly I became worse and the head doctor of the Sanitarium told my mother and step-father it was only a matter of time. That there was nothing they could do. My mother let my husband know, who was a student at the Georgetown College in Kentucky. He moved to Alton, enrolled in Shurtleff College and began a radio broadcast over station WOKZ.

My mother couldn't just sit by doing nothing, so went back to the chest specialist who had sent me to the Sanitarium, to see what could be done. He told her they could try blood transfusions and penicillin around the clock. My husband told the radio audience, and asked them to pray, if it was the Lord's will that He would heal me by a certain time and I would be released to go home. James 5:14-16 *Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* Matthew 18:19,20 - *Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

The miracle of the x-rays

Normally any change in an x-ray for tuberculosis takes at least two months. I was too weak to be taken to the x-ray room, so they brought the x-ray machine up and laid me on it. The next week, they took another x-ray. Doctor Collins and the technicians could hardly believe the improvement it showed. They continued to take x-rays often, and I was released a few days after my 23rd birthday.

Philippians 4:13 has become a strength to me. *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Philippians 4:19 - *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6,7 has been very special to me since the 1960's. *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Also the 8th verse became special in the early 1980's then the 9th a few years ago. *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

II Timothy 1:7 - *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.* I was especially glad he said the last part.

Hebrews 6:18a - *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie...*

Especially the first chapter of Psalms.

There are many more the Lord gave me along the way.

Verna Goebel

Romans 8:28,29 - *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.* all of my trials have worked to make me more like my Lord.

I Thess. 4:16 - *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:* I know some day He is coming for me.

John 5:25 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.* Even if taken by death, I shall rise again.

John 6:47 - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.* Precious to me because I know I have eternal security, and

John 8:32 - *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* This verse has freed me from Pentecostal doctrine.

Psalms 107:9 - *For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.* Knowing Christ as my Lord and Saviour has given my soul satisfaction.

Matthew 16:17 - *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.* A wonderful blessing to be a member of one of the Lord's churches.

Romans 8:35-39 - *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. No doubt!! and to know that nothing can separate me from the love my Lord has for me.*

Jerry Lawson

Romans 10:9,10 - *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. A promise of salvation.*

I Thessalonians 4:16-18 - *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. A promise to rise.*

Colossians 1:14 - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: A promise of redemption.*

Philippians 4:19 - *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. A promise to supply my needs.*

Ephesians 6:11-18 - *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; A promise to stand.*

Ephesians 6:1-3 - *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. A promise of a long life.*

Ephesians 1:4 - *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: A promise of election.*

Romans 8:28 - *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. A promise that all things work for my good.*

Proverbs 1:7 - *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Fear the Lord is a promise of knowledge.*

Proverbs 2:2,3 - *So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; A promise for wisdom.*

Proverbs 3:1,2 - *For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: A promise of peace and long life.*

Proverbs 4:10 - *Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. A promise of many years life.*

Proverbs 11:29 - *He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart. A promise if I trouble my house I will inherit the wind.*

Proverbs 15:1 - *A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. A promise of a*

cheerful countenance.

Proverbs 16:7 - *When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.* A promise of my enemies to be at peace with me.

Proverbs 17:22 - *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.* A promise what a merry heart will do for me.

Proverbs 21:23 - *Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.* A promise from trouble.

Proverbs 28:13 - *He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.* A promise of mercy.

Psalms 1:1 - *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.* A promise of being blessed.

Psalms 27:14 - *Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.* A promise to strengthen our heart.

Psalms 48:14 - *For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.* A promise of our guide even in death.

Psalms 116:15 - *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.* A promise of death of righteous.

Luke 1:37 - *For with God nothing shall be impossible.* A promise that there is nothing impossible with God.

John 14:2 - *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* A promise of a place for me.

John 14:16 - *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;* A promise of a comforter.

James 1:25 - *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.* A promise of being blessed.

Psalms 30:5 - *For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.* A promise of brighter days.

Psalms 34:9 - *O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.* A promise of deliverance.

Psalms 41:3 - *The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.* A promise when I am sick.

Mark 11:24 - *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.* A promise to answer prayers.

Luke 6:36 - *Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.* A promise to be merciful.

Marie Lawson**My Promises From God**

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. I will have everlasting life.*

John 14:2 - *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I have a mansion.*

Hebrews 4:16 - *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. In time of need.*

II Corinthians 5:17 - *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. A new life.*

Proverbs 18:24 - *A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. friends and a friend.*

Proverbs 11:30 - *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. The fruit of a tree of life.*

Psalms 126:5,6 - *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Sow in tears and reap in joy.*

Psalms 119:76 - *Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. Comfort.*

Psalms 64:9 - *And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. God puts an oasis of comfort in every desert of calamity.*

Psalms 25:14 - *The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*
Proverbs 14:26,27 - *In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. My promise if I fear the Lord, strong confidence, a place of refuge, and His covenant.*

Psalms 29:11 - *The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.*
Isaiah 40:29 - *He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.*
Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Strength and peace the Lord promises to give to His people.*

Revelation 21:27 - *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. My name is written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Sure promises of God

Hope for our lost loved ones - Matthew 18:11 - *For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*

For God called preachers and their wives - Matthew 19:29 - *And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

Talents: faithful over a few things, He will make us ruler over many things - Matthew 25:21 - *His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

My sins clean through the Word of God - John 15:3 - *Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

Peace of God in the time of trouble - John 14:27 - *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Truth and life and the way - John 14:6 - *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

The Spirit of truth that we can know we are saved - John 14:17 - *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

Christ knows our heartaches - John 11:35 - *Jesus wept.*

Whosoever liveth and believeth shall never die - John 11:26 - *And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

My Father will chasten me because He loves me - Hebrews 12:5-11 - *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

If we consider one another in love - Hebrews 10:24 - *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

Never to be lost after we are saved - Hebrews 10:10 - *By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* Hebrews 7:27 - *Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.*

For the power of God when we use His Word with people - Hebrews 4:12 - *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Isaiah 40:29 *He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.*



Behind the rainbow, there is a promise.

God's strength through Jesus Christ is a sure promise. Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear thou not: for I am with thee: Be not dismayed: For I am thy God. I will strengthen thee yea, I will uphold thee with thy right hand of righteousness.*

My promise from God the day Mom died April 14, 1985
...For...I (the Lord God) will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. 13:5

Throw out the life line of salvation because we have Christ as our captain. Hebrews 2:10 - *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

If I lack wisdom, ask of God - James 1:5 - *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

God's blessings on temptation - James 1:12 - *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.*

Our crown of life - James 1:12 - *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

Debby Alls

The Wonderful Promise of Salvation.

Romans 4:19-5:2 - *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Abraham believed the promises that Christ would come - we know the promise that Christ DID come!*

John 4:14 - *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

Isaiah 43:25 - *I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*

Isaiah 45:22 - *Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*

A promise of mercy; a plea that Christ will save my son.

Psalms 130:1-8 - *Note especially verse 5 and 7 - Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. 2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. 3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. 6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. 7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

1 Peter 5:6,7 - *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

Psalms 126:5-6 - *They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

My promise of Eternal Life - that I am saved.

Ephesians chapter 1 and 2. Note especially 1:4,5 - *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

Verse 7 - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*

Verse 13,14 - *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Raising our family I went to Deuteronomy 6 many times. I always felt connected to this because God so wonderfully took my parents and our family "from the house of bondage" verse 12 and gave us instead "a house full of all good things." Verse 11. This chapter tells me to beware lest I forget!

It tells me to let my children and grandchildren know the good things God has done in my life. Like how God brought Brian from another state and caused our paths to cross – we come from totally different backgrounds, yet God had made us for each other. This chapter is so rich – so good for my everyday life. God's promises are so bountiful!

Deuteronomy 6:20,21 - *And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you? 21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:*

Deuteronomy 6:24,25 - *And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. 25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.*

I claimed this scripture promise the week Alzenir left and returned to Brasil.

Hebrews 4:15-16 - *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

When my grandparents passed away, I always went to these verses for comfort. I memorized them and would say them to myself when it all seemed overwhelming. It was a comfort at a sad time.

Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Isaiah 41:13 - *For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.*

This scripture seems to be one that I turn to when things are troubling or confusing.

Hebrews 13:5,6 - *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

Joshua 1:5 - *There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

My promise for the future:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

The promises are mine to hold:

II Peter 1:1-8 - *Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises:*

that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God promises a way to escape temptation:

I Corinthians 10:11-13 - Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is 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 to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

II Peter 2:9 - The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

James 1:12 - Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

I know I can hold God's promises – they are close at hand – I know they will not fail because they are God's words to me.

I Kings 8:54-61 - And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: 58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: 60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else. 61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

Wayne Reynolds

The first promise I remember came to me through the preaching of the Word of God when I was about 8 or 9 years old. It is found in II Peter 3:7 which states, *“But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”* This promise scared me to death because it is not a promise of a “general judgment,” but of a specific judgment and condemnation that was going to come to me. It made no difference what happened to others, I was under the condemnation of God and was going to suffer for all eternity.

Later, there was a promise that what Jesus Christ had done on the cross of Calvary was applicable to me. I remember many messages that was preached concerning the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Christ had come into the world through the virgin birth, lived a perfect life, and died in my place, that I might be forgiven and would find assurance of an eternal home with God. This was a blessed message indeed, but I found that salvation escaped me. Others were saved, but I remained lost and under eternal condemnation. Why wouldn't Christ save me when He had already saved others? This was very puzzling to me. The answer came over time as the preaching of the Word of God continued. It was not enough to simply believe the facts of the gospel, repentance was also necessary. I also discovered another valuable promise concerning salvation. Repentance was not asking forgiveness for all the sins I had committed. Repentance was not asking forgiveness for all the bad thoughts I had. Repentance involved asking forgiveness that I was a sinner. God showed me the truth of Romans 3:10-12, *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”* This passage spoke of my wretchedness before an Almighty, perfect God. It wasn't what I did that condemned me to an eternal hell; it was what I was – a blackened sinner completely without merit, or hope. I didn't want to reveal to God what a wretched sinner I was. I was afraid if I told Him I could do nothing at all to please Him, He would immediately consign me to the eternal depths of a fiery hell. Was I ever wrong! Another promise of God came into play. Ephesus 2:8-10 declares, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* Christ gives salvation only to sinners, not to the righteous! That was a blessed day. I could do no good work, yet Christ saved me anyway! God freely gave me grace to believe in the power of God to redeem my miserable soul, to set me free from my natural sinfulness and to trust in the shed blood of Jesus Christ that I might have eternal life.

John 5:24, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life”* became true for me. Salvation is very simple from the lost persons perspective. All I had to do was believe, because Jesus Christ had taken care of the rest of it. According to John 1:12 and 13, Christ gives the person who is unable to believe the power to believe and become a son of God. *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

Another very important point is that Christ gives eternal life. There are many passages that teach about eternal life. I quote only one here. John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* God does not give temporary life. Christ doesn't save me until I sin. (That wouldn't take very long, would it?) Christ knew I was a terrible sinner, and positively inclined to sin when He saved me. My inclination to sin hasn't changed because the sinful nature remains a part of me. I am kept saved, not by the “good” works I do, but by the grace and mercy of Almighty God. I don't have to worry about being lost. I am free to worship God in spirit and in truth. I am free to serve God who loves me and constantly forgives my sins. I am not free to sin. I hate the sin that is in me.

Another promise that meant much to me is found in James 1:5, which states, *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."* When I began to pastor Salem Baptist Church in Willow Hill, Illinois, I discovered many things that I didn't know how to handle. As I read the scriptures, especially the book of Proverbs, I discovered many scriptures that spoke about having the wisdom of God. I took the promise of James 1:5 to God, and he showed me how to get the wisdom of God. A diligent study of the Word of God explained many things about this material world, and how I was to conduct myself in it. I am not saying that I am wise, I am saying that the Word of God will lead every person, and this includes me, into the wisdom of God.

I tried to discover how to pastor, because I wanted to be a good pastor, the kind of pastor God wanted me to be. It mattered little what men thought of me. It mattered most what God would say to me at the judgment. I longed to hear Him say, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant..."* Pastors have all different kinds of personalities, and I soon discovered that the way other men pastored, wasn't how God wanted me to pastor. There wasn't necessarily anything wrong with the way they pastored, but their ways didn't suit me. There are many passages I found very profitable to the ministry, but I suppose the most valuable is found in II Timothy 2:5, *"And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."* Things must be done God's way. God's ways are often strange to us, because we still have this natural mind to think with, but we must bring our minds into subjection to the thinking of God. I Timothy 4:6 tells me how to be a good minister of Jesus Christ. *"If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."*

Another great promise that never grows old is found in Matthew 6:33, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* This verse is the cumulative thoughts of this chapter which explains that Christ cares for me. He not only cares about me spiritually, he also cares about me physically. There have been many times during my ministry that I didn't know where the money would come from to buy the things necessary for this life. But God has never failed to supply all the things I needed. I have also discovered there is a difference between what I need and what I want. When there was no money to buy things, I "made do" with what I had. In doing this, I discovered there were many things I "thought" I needed, when I only wanted them. Doing without gave me much assurance, because I have learned that it is a great blessing from Almighty God to have material possessions.

Along with the promise that God will supply all the necessities of this life is a qualification of the ministry. This qualification is found in I Timothy 3:3, *"...not greedy of filthy lucre..."* Money is necessary to live, but God has shown me that, as a pastor, I am not to be greedy of riches. I am not supposed to be telling the church I pastor how much money they need to pay me. That is God's business, not mine. It is the church's business to take care of their pastor. It is my business to be a pastor to the church, regardless of how much or how little they pay. I am to put His will above my own will. Philippians 4:19 states, *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* God has done what He said He would do. Yea, He has done more than that. God has supplied me and my family with a fine house to live in, with a grand outbuilding, which contains a woodworking shop and ample storage. God has given me excellent neighbors, people that love the Lord and want to live like God wants them to live. God has not only supplied my needs, He has supplied many, many of my wants.

Matthew 11:28-30 states, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* I didn't even realize this was a promise until it was pointed out to me. I was pastoring in Willow Hill and under a great deal of strain, trying to do everything myself, and also trying to get others to do what they ought to do. Needless to say, things weren't going very well. At the height of this battle, I came as close to having a nervous breakdown as I ever want to come. Physically, I became as weak as a kitten. I remember being so weak I couldn't hold a hammer in my hand, much less do any work with it. Mentally, I was a "basket case," unable to help myself,

and certainly unable to help anybody else. Then a turning point. While visiting our family in Arkansas, my mother in law mentioned this passage to me. I knew these verses were in the Bible, but I had never applied the passage to me personally. These verses became a great blessing to me, because when I get loaded down with care it is because I am carrying the wrong load. The load I am supposed to be carrying is light, and the burden is easy. When my thoughts become anxious, and I am full of worry, I remember these verses and the promise that God will carry my burdens.

Overcoming temptations has always been a problem for me. I Corinthians 10:13 was a blessed promise to me. *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is 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 to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."* This verse confirms that the temptations I face are the same as everybody's. Temptations do not go away. They are there constantly. BUT – God always has a "hidden" door of escape. I have found that this "hidden" door often involves a scripture. God says, *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."* The scriptures I have memorized have been a first line defense against the onslaughts of Satan.

Another great promise is found in Ephesus 3:21, which states, *"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."* Christ has promised His kind of churches eternal perpetuity. As a member of one of His kind of churches, and because I have built my life on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ, I have eternal rewards. I Corinthians 3:11, *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."* These rewards are not because I am good, but because Christ will keep His promises.

When I first began to pastor, I worked full time and pastored full time. I was young and full of energy, and had little trouble preaching six or seven times a week, making a radio broadcast, driving to a fellowship meeting once a month and working anywhere from twenty to sixty hours a week. But as I grew older, and that kind of fast paced life will make you old pretty quick, I began to think there was a better way. In my daily studies, the Lord led me to I Corinthians 9:13,14 which states, *"Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."* When I read this passage, I began to pray that God would give me a full time church. I wanted to devote myself to full time study and preaching of the Word of God. God answered this prayer for me. I am a living testimony to the fact that God always keeps His promises. There are many preachers that are better pastors than me. But none of them have a greater God than me. God has answered this prayer and fulfilled His Word for me in that every church I pastored after I left Salem Baptist Church has supported me and my family. I have been able to devote myself to the study of the Word of God, which has been a great blessing. Every pastor should take I Corinthians 9:13,14 before an Almighty God and ask him to fulfill that promise in them. It would be a great blessing to that pastor and to the church he pastored.

When God called me to pastor Independence Baptist Church, the church called me as their full time pastor. There were times when I didn't think there would be money enough to meet the salary requirements the church had obligated themselves to. But there always was enough money. Sometimes I would wonder where the money was coming from. It just didn't seem possible that a church with as few members as our church has could support a full time pastor. But they have. This is God fulfilling His promise to me and to Independence Baptist Church. God always does the impossible. There have been a few times when visitors came, which gave liberally and got us "over the hump" financially. The lesson is clear: all I have to do is to do God's will and He will take care of all the details, including the financing.

When I began to pastor Salem Baptist Church in Willow Hill, Illinois, I owned my own home. It was a single wide house trailer, which was moved from O'Fallon to Willow Hill. Our family began to grow, so we needed more room. The Lord graciously supplied a double wide house trailer, which was twice as nice as the single wide. I bought some ground in Willow Hill and was making plans to move the double wide onto

the property when Faith Baptist church in Lynn, Arkansas, asked me to come be their pastor. They had a parsonage, so I sold our double wide and moved into the parsonage. It was a fine home, but it didn't belong to me. There was always the feeling of not belonging, even though that is not what the church there intended. I guess I am one of those people who want their own things. I know I don't like to borrow. Whatever I borrow, tears up. Then I have to replace it. I might as well buy it in the first place. I read Matthew 19:27-30, *"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."* This is a promise that God will, in this life, supply more than we ever left behind. I began to pray that God would allow my family to own our own home, and that He would also give us a hundred times our earthly family. This took a few years. From the time I began to pray this prayer until the reality of it took place was some 15 years, but God gave what He promised. My family not only lives in our own home, with the accompanying mortgage payments and other obligations, God has supplied me a church family that cares about me as a person, not just as their pastor. My own grandparents have passed away, but God has supplied me with other "grandparents" who are very dear to me. God has given me a hundred times more brothers and sisters than I have in the flesh, and friends galore.

God has fulfilled all His promises in this present life. I have seen them come to pass. I know He will also fulfill all the promises He has given concerning eternity. I am looking forward to the fulfillment of I Corinthians 15:50-57, which states, *"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Throughout all eternity, God will keep each of His precious promises. Not one of them will fail. God has fulfilled I Thessalonians 5:23, 24, *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."* He will sanctify me in this life, and He will take me to heaven one day to live eternally with Him. Even in eternity, He will keep His blessed promises. Not one of them will fail.

There are many more promises in the Word of God. I have only "scratched the surface" of these promises. The passages I have mentioned are only a few of the many promises of God that have sustained me through the years. May God richly bless you as you search out these promises and ask God to fulfill them for you.

Mary Alls

The following are promises concerning salvation and eternal life:

John 3:15, 16 - *"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Romans 10:9-10 - *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*

Luke 19:10 - *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

Matthew 18:11 - *"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."*

I John 5:11 - *"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."*

I John 2:25 - *"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."*

Hebrews 12:2 - *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* This tells us Jesus is our author and finisher. He has all things in control.

II Corinthians 12:9 - *"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* His grace is sufficient. As we have went through trials God has given grace in time of need.

Hebrews 13:5 - *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."* This is a real comfort to know God is always there. People leave and forsake us, but God never will.

Philippians 4:19 - *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* God takes care of us. I'm thankful God knows all. Sometimes I didn't see how the Lord was taking care until I look back and see His hand in our life. I'm very thankful He did.

John 14:2-3 - *"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 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."*