

GOD'S PROMISES ARE FOR YOU

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Exceeding Great and Precious Promises Regarding The Word of God



Promise

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly,
and gave the sense, and caused them to understand
the reading. Nehemiah 8:8

Our Goal Should be to Understand the Plain Sense of the Scripture

Six paraphrases.

Paraphrasing Scripture, or writing the Scripture in one's own words, is an effective way to discover the plain sense of the scripture. The idea is to take a verse, or passage of Scripture, and write it in such a way that it would make sense to a five-year old. The time that it takes to ponder the plain sense of the verse or passage and to wrestle with the simplest way of rewriting it, is essential in allowing God to "teach you all things," "guide you into all truth," and to "take the things of mine (Christ) and shown them unto you."

After determining the plain sense of the scripture, it is then very helpful to search for sins to avoid or confess (1 Timothy 3:16-17), Promises to claim (2 Peter 1:3-4), Examples to follow (1 Corinthians 11:1), Commands to heed (John 14:21), and the Knowledge of God (2 Peter 1:2-3).

As you find promises to claim, you will notice that some of these promises are unconditional and some of them will be conditional. The following verses contain, among other things, some very clear conditional promises. I highly recommend that you take each of the following six verses and examine them using the following method:

1. Paraphrase them or put them in your own words.
2. Prayerfully examine each verse looking for any sins, promises, examples, commands, and Knowledge of God.
3. Clearly identify the conditions for each promise.
4. Write down what you see to do.

There are two types of promises given in the Bible: Conditional and Unconditional.

The following verses contain conditional promises. Please take time to write them in your own words, and find the promise and condition. Also, you might look up any words you might not understand in a concordance.

John 14:21

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Paraphrase

Whoever has my Word and is obedient to it is the one who truly loves me. And to these obedient ones my Father will love, I will love, and I will reveal more of myself to them.

2 Peter 1:3-4.

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: 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.

Paraphrase

Through an increased knowledge of God, who called us to His own glory and excellence, we have at our disposal everything we need to live and to live godly by His almighty power. We can be delivered from the world's corrupting influence through our lustful passions and we can be partakers of God's very nature as we believe the wonderful precious promises given to us in God's word.

2 Corinthians 3:18.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Paraphrase

But all of us, with open minds and tender hearts, looking in the Bible at the goodness of the Lord are being changed into the same image we see in the Bible, gradually by the Holy Spirit.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Paraphrase

Do not let my word cease to be in your conversation, think about it all throughout the day and the night until you are a doer of all that is written in my word, in response I will make your way prosperous and give you good success.

Psalm 1:2-3

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Paraphrase

Any man who delights in my Word and thinks about it throughout both day and night will be blessed. Spiritually, I will make him like a well-watered tree that always bears fruit and whose leaf never withers, and in whatever he does he will prosper.

James 1:22-25

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 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.

Paraphrase

Be obedient to the Word of God! Don't deceive yourself by hearing and not doing. If you hear and don't do, you'll be like someone who looks at himself in a mirror, sees himself, and yet when he turns away he can't remember what he look like. But if you look, into the Bible, called the perfect law of liberty, and continue looking till God enlightens, and don't forget, but instead be a doer of the ways of God revealed there, you will be blessed in what you do.



Promises:

1. Prosperity and good success.
2. Like a well-watered fruitful tree.
3. “I will manifest myself to him.”
4. Be blessed in your deeds.
5. Be a partaker of the divine nature.
6. Be gradually changed into Christ-likeness.

Conditions:

1. Meditate day and night “to do”.
2. Meditate day and night.
3. Hear the word and keep it.
4. Look and continue in the word and do.
5. Believing and claiming what God has promised.
6. See His goodness in the word.

What are you going to do in your life in an attempt to meet those conditions so that you may receive those promises?

All of God's Promises are yes in Christ.

The word of God works. You can find several bible stories and current testimonies to substantiate this.

2 Corinthians 1:20 states,

For all the promises of God in Him are yes and in Him amen, to the glory of God through us.

The Message Bible says it like this:

Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the yes of Jesus. In him together, gloriously evident.

The Amplified says, For as many as are the promises of God, They all find their yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in his person and by his agency) to the glory of God.

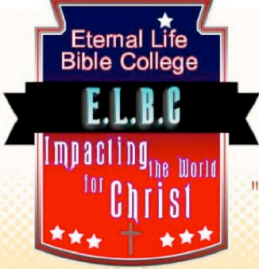
That is a powerful revelation of the Word of God. If you believe this promise and agree with God concerning everything he has given you through Jesus Christ you can then start living a victorious life in Christ.



Don't be Double Minded

James opens his epistle by cautioning us to not be double-minded: "If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get His help... Ask boldly, and ask in faith, believing, without a second thought. People who worry about their prayers being answered (hesitating and doubting) are like wind-whipped waves. Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way." James calls this being "double minded," and reminds us "if you are double-minded, you will receive nothing from God."

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