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TOPIC: GOD'S PROMISES.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 1:20 "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us".

TEXT: 2 Peter 1:4 .

(A) INTRODUCTION:

Promise is an oral or written agreement (commitment) to do or not to do something. There are many, promises of God in Scripture, which are rock-solid, unequivocal commitments made by God Himself and God has pledged will indeed be realized- Numb.23:19. It is one thing to know the promises of God, and yet another to actually believe them. We will never be all that God wants us to be until we become 'promise believers'.

Because of circumstances beyond our control, we can't always keep our promises, but the sovereign Lord of the universe has never failed to fulfil His word. We must recognize that the Christian life is totally dependent upon His promises.

(B) TYPES OF PROMISES. There are two types of promises in the Bible:

(i)Unconditional. This is a commitment made without exceptions. The Lord's covenant with Abraham (**Gen. 12:1-3**). God committed to make him a great nation and bless all the families of earth through him. As his descendant, Jesus Christ fulfilled this blessing because salvation is available to everyone who believes in Him.

(ii)Conditional. This type of promise is subject to certain mandates, e.g. the offer of salvation (**Romans 10:9**) is conditioned upon faith in Christ. Many of His promises are conditional, & if not spiritually careful, we may not meet the requirements.

(C) GOD'S CHARACTER AND THE ATTRIBUTES: that prove He is trustworthy in the fulfilment of His promises:

(i) Truthfulness (Titus 1:2)- Therefore, we can believe in His promises because He always tells the truth. Since truth is the very essence of His nature, it's impossible for Him to lie

(ii) Faithfulness (Heb. 10:23)-Since God has never failed to keep His word in the past, we can trust Him for the future. However, we must remember that He might not do so according to our schedules, in the ways we desire, or through the people or situations we expect.

(iii)Immutable (Mal. 3:6)-This means He never changes. Therefore, we don't have to worry that He will alter a promise; but the truth is we just haven't met the requirements set before us.

(iv)Love (1 John 4:7-10)-His promises are always based on our best interests. The cross is the ultimate proof of His love for us. Jesus said He would die for our sins, and He did. If He loved us enough to keep that promise, we have no reason to doubt Him.

(vi) God's Ability: We must also understand just how able and powerful He is. God is always able to fulfil His promises because He is Omniscient (Heb. 4:13)—God knows every

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detail of a situation. from His perspective, He can see all of our lives from beginning to end. Every promise He makes is based on His infinite, perfect, and complete knowledge, which means He never makes a mistake. Omnipresent (Heb. 13:5). No matter what we're going through, He will never leave nor forsake us. His continual presence guarantees the fulfilment of every promise. Omnipotent (Ps. 103:19)-Because the Lord is completely sovereign over heaven and earth, nothing is out of His control. He has absolute power and authority, and nothing is too difficult for Him (Jer. 32:17).

(D) OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Because the Lord is absolutely adequate and faithful, we have perfect assurance that He will keep His promises. However, we must position ourselves to receive it.

(i) Confession of sin- If we've asked God for something and He hasn't yet provided it, we need to search our hearts to see if we've failed to obey Him in some area. Quickly confess & repent from it.

(ii) Believe the Lord- Faith is an indispensable requirement. Always ask yourself if you sincerely trust Him to fulfill His word. Many people are close to receiving God's best, but they can't get over the obstacle of unbelief.

(iii) Claim the promise- When we believe the Lord will do what He says, we can confidently claim the promise for ourselves. But if we have doubts, we'll feel concerned and worried even after praying about it, and His will is hindered.

(E) CONCLUSION: Have you experienced any promises of God in your life recently? What deters you from trusting that God will hold true to His word in situations you're concerned about today? You can go to the next level in your faith, believing that God will continue to provide His promises as He has in the past. We must learn to believe God's exceeding, great and precious promises. It will change the way we pray and it will change the way we live. Let's determine to become promise believers!

EXERCISE: Look for three promises of God in the Bible regarding what you are currently going through and begin to claim these promises.

PRAYER POINTS:

(1) I come against every spirit of faith destroyer in believing the promises of God for my life, in Jesus name.

(2) The promises of God for my life shall be fulfilled whether Satan likes it or not, in Jesus name.

(3) The promises of God shall continue to be the weapons of defence for me all the days of my life, in Jesus name

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