

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

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What is a Promise?

- A **promise** is an **agreement**, **oath**, **pledge**, **guarantee**, or **vow**.
- The Greek word for “**promise**” means “**an announcement**”, a **notice** or **declaration**.



A Promise is a Guarantee

- Have you ever bought something with a **money back guarantee**?
- If you were not satisfied with that product, you were **PROMISED** or **GUARANTEED** your money back, no questions asked.
- The Promise was based upon **the Word** or the **Contract** of the person who sold the product or item.



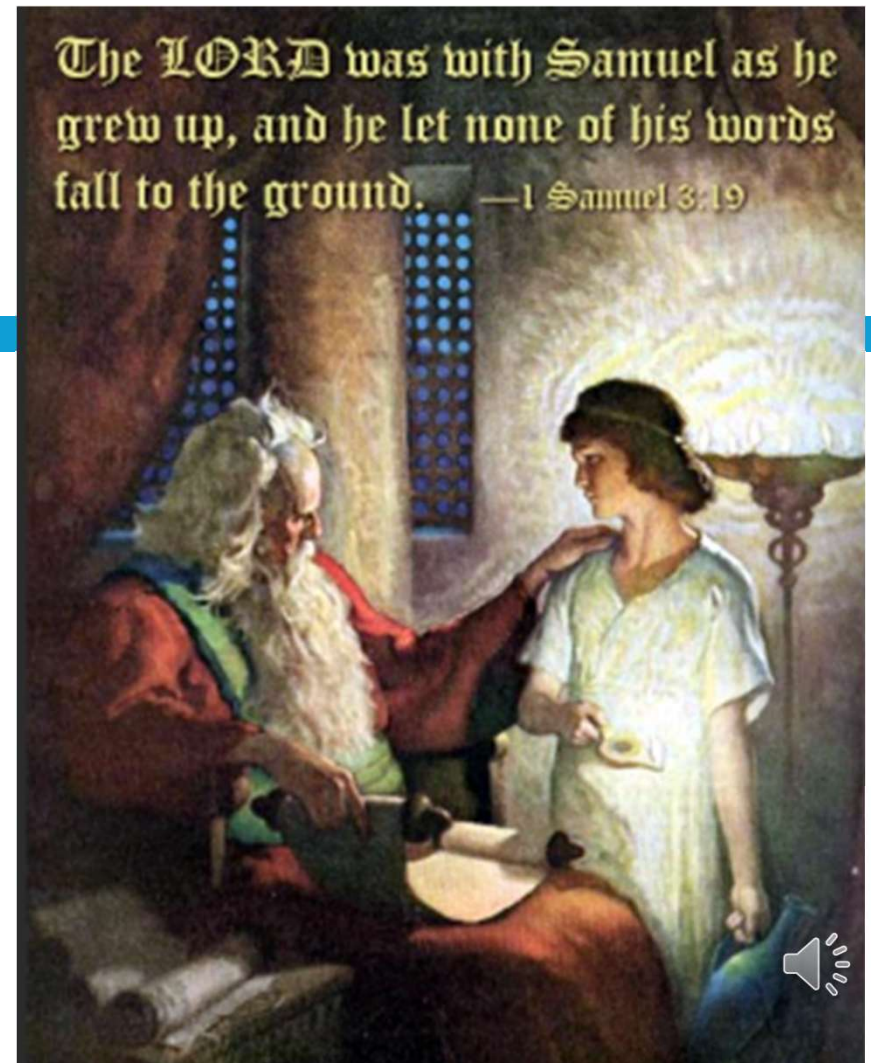
God's Promises Never Fail

- This Truth is realized in 1 Kings 8:56.
 - 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.**
- **Not a single word of ALL of God's promises has ever "failed".**



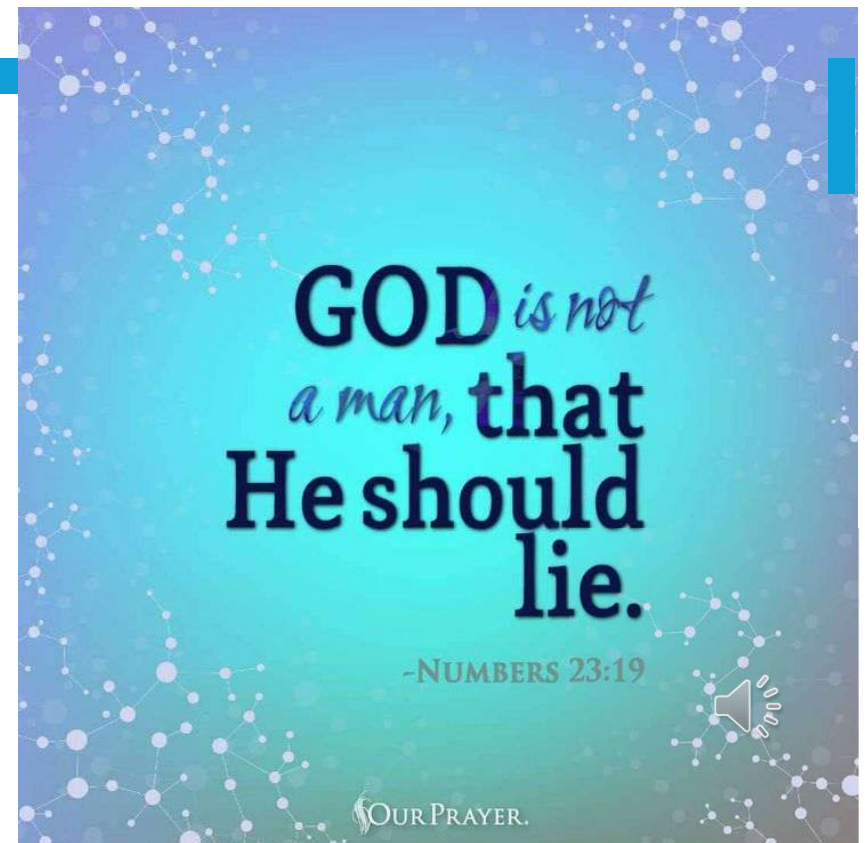
What a Witness!

- Samuel had the same characteristic as the Lord.
- **Samuel kept his promises.**
- And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and **did let none of his words fall to the ground.** 1 Samuel 3:19



God Cannot Break His Promise

- Have you ever had a time of weakness and **failed to keep your word**?
- Have you ever made a promise and **then broke it**?
- **God hasn't!**
- God **cannot** and **will not** tell a lie.
 - **God is not a man, that he should lie... hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?** Numbers 23:19



- God uses stories about His people throughout the Bible to show how He thinks and feels about His children.
- The book of Genesis tells about **four great men, Abraham, Issac, Jacob, and Joseph.**

These four men are called Patriarchs or Fathers.

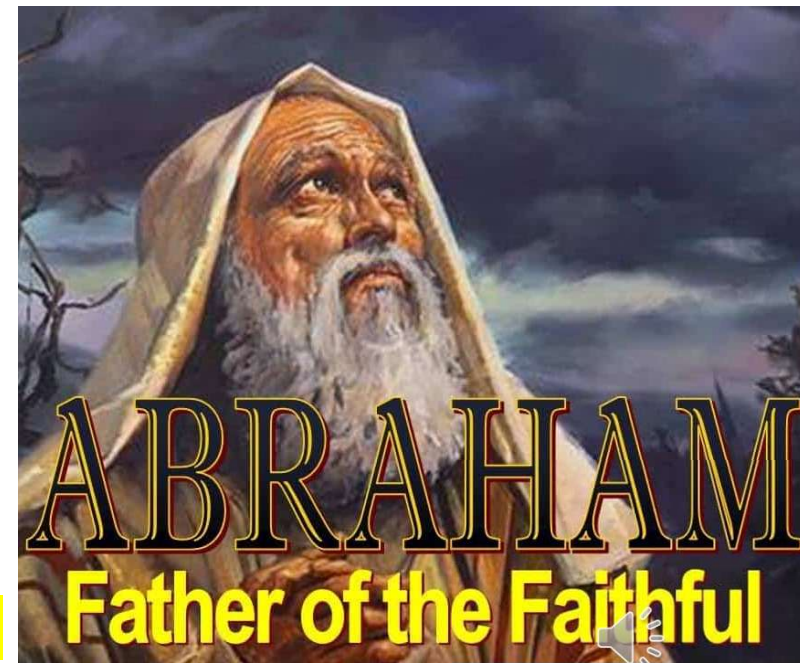
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
Genesis 12-50

The Patriarchs



Abraham, our Spiritual Father

- God made many promises to Abraham.
- Abraham is known as the **Spiritual Father** of all those **who Walk, who LIVE by Faith**.
 - Even as **Abraham believed God**, and it was **accounted to him for righteousness**.
 - Know ye therefore that **they which are of FAITH, the same are the children of Abraham**.
 - And the scripture, foreseeing that God would **justify the heathen through FAITH**, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed**.
 - So then **they which be of FAITH are blessed with FAITHFUL Abraham**. Galatians 3:6-9
- God has a special connection **to every Christian**.



The Promises of God Come to Us Through **Abraham's Seed, Jesus Christ**

- Father Abraham has many sons, but his most important son (or descendant) is the Lord Jesus.
 - The book of **the generation of Jesus Christ**, the son of David, **the son of Abraham**. Matthew 1:1
 - **Now to Abraham and his seed** were the **promises made**. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but **as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ**. Galatians 3:16
 - And **if ye be Christ's**, then are ye **Abraham's seed**, and **heirs according to the promise**. Galatians 3:29

Jesus Is
THE
S E E D
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ABRAHAM

All of God's Promises Belong to Jesus and His Church

- You should take the time to read the story of Abraham in Genesis 12-22.
- Abraham was human and he made some mistakes in his life, but in spite of his mistakes, he did one critical thing.
 - **Abraham believed God**, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Romas 4:3
- **Abraham is known as the Father of all those who trust God** to keep his promises.
- **JESUS and HIS CHURCH, His Family, are the SONS, the Spiritual CHILDREN of ABRAHAM.**





CHRIST IS ETERNAL

Jesus Has All the Promises

- God's promises are **EVERLASTING**.
- God's promises **CANNOT FAIL**.
- There is not an expiration date on God's promises because **JESUS** holds all these promises in his Mighty hand.
- Jesus is **EVERLASTING** and **HE CANNOT FAIL**.



Jesus Confirmed God's Promises

- Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, **to confirm the promises made unto the fathers.** Romans 15:8
- The word CONFIRM means “**to establish or make sure**”.
- **Jesus confirmed or secured the promises that God made** to the “patriarchs”, the fathers.



THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB

Who were these Fathers?

- These fathers were **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**.
- The promises that God made to these three fathers are recorded in the book of Genesis, chapters 12-35.
 - **The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers**, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go. Acts 3:13 



ALL FAMILIES of the Earth Shall Be Blessed

- Let's look at a few of these powerful promises that God made to Father Abraham.
- Now the LORD had **said unto Abram**, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- And I will make **of thee** a great nation, and **I will bless thee**, and **make thy name great**; and **thou shalt be a blessing**:
- And I will bless them **that bless thee [ABRAHAM]**, and curse him that **curseth thee [ABRAHAM]**: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed**.

Genesis 12:1-3

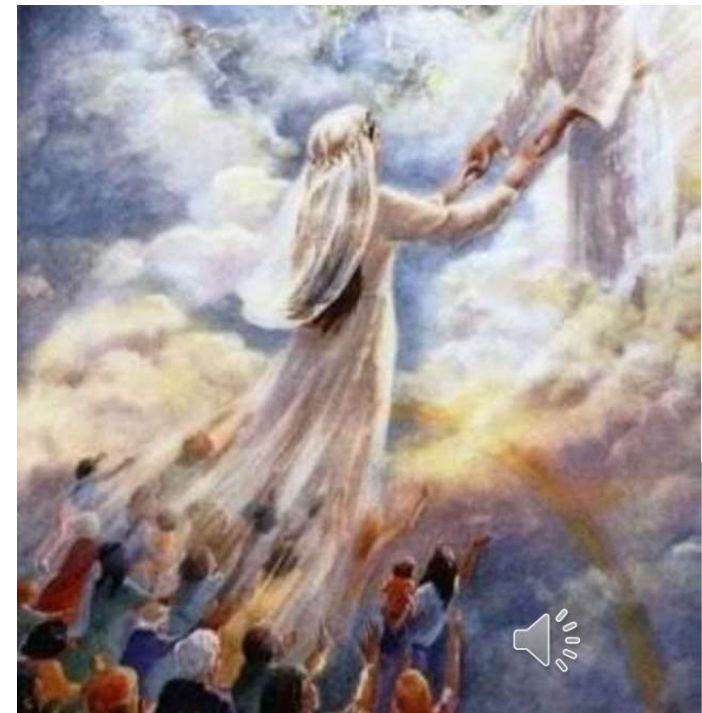


Jesus is the HEIR of ALL THINGS

- Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things**, by whom also he made the worlds. Hebrews 1:2
- As **“the heir of all things”**, JESUS now possess these and all the other Old Testament promises that God made to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
- This is great, but did you know that **the promises of the New Testament are even better?**
- But now hath **he obtained a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of **a better covenant**, which was **established upon better promises**. Hebrews 8:6

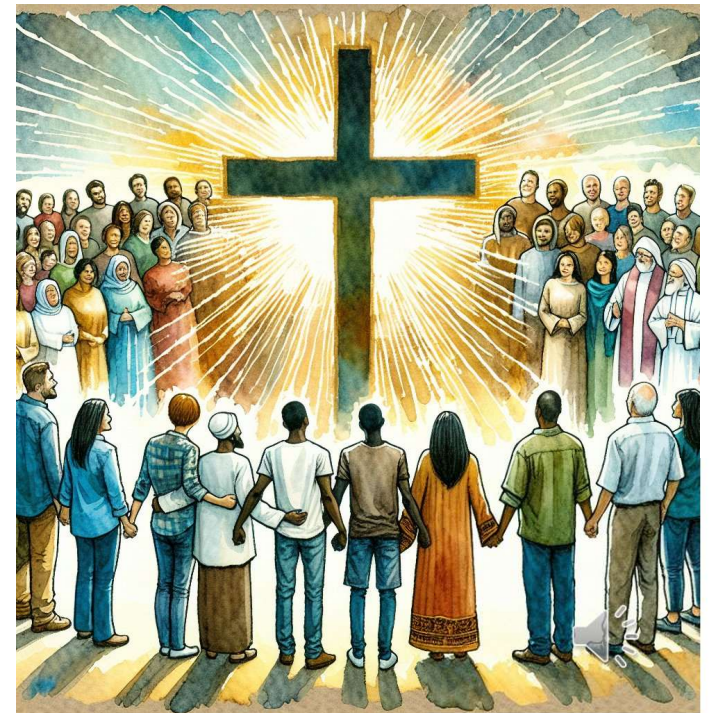
Jesus Shares Everything with His Bride

- The Bible teaches that **JESUS** is the **HEAD** or the **HUSBAND** of His **WIFE**, the **CHURCH**. (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- Just as a husband and wife **JOINTLY** own everything that belongs to both parties, **Jesus shares his promises** with His **BRIDE**, the **CHURCH** – that's **YOU** and **ME!**
- And **if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. Romans 8:17
- For **all the promises of God in him are yea**, and in him **Amen**, unto the glory of God **by us**. 2 Corinthians 1:20
- God's promises are **YES** and **AMEN!**



The Everlasting Promise is a PERSON

- We have talked about the wonderful reality of the many **unfailing promises of our faithful God.**
- The **EVERLASTING PROMISE** that **CANNOT** fail is a **PERSON**; **His name is JESUS!**
- The Apostle Paul preached that the promise of God was “**in Christ by the gospel**”, which is the Good News that we have been forgiven.
- That the Gentiles should be **fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel**: Ephesians 3:6



The Seal of the Jesus, the Holy Spirit of Promise



- JESUS was **the promised blood line** of Abraham and David.
- The Spirit of JESUS is the “**Holy Spirit of Promise**”.
- 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.**
Ephesians 1:13
- Even when we are unfaithful, **JESUS is a faithful husband.**
- If we believe not, **yet he abideth faithful.** he cannot deny himself. 2 Timothy 2:13



JESUS, the Promise of
God, will **NEVER FAIL**
you.

You do not need to be afraid of your future.

Embrace His Love FOR YOU.

YOU CAN COUNT ON HIS WORD!

Worship with Me

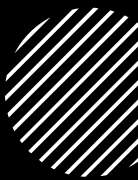
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Self- Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength



Have you ever promised someone something, then broke your promise to them?



When was the last time you made a promise and did not keep it?



Have you ever lied to someone? If so, have you asked God and that person for forgiveness?



What is your favorite promise from the Bible?



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