

Bethany House of Worship

Youth Meeting

Promises of GOD

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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

1. Introduction

1.1. Promises of Human

Can't give full assurance.

May fail because of

Limitation of Man

Forgetfulness of Man

Lie of Promise, etc

1.2. Promises of GOD

Gives complete assurance.

Can't fail because,

God has no limitation.

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? *Jeremiah 32:27*

God is Faithful

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful *2 Timothy 2:13*

God is Truthful

keepeth truth for ever: *Psalms 146:6*

Greatest promise of God is Salvation.

thou shalt be saved *Romans 10:9,10*

2. Types of Promises

2.1. Unconditional Promises

Rests solely on the LORD. No need to fulfill any conditions for the fulfillment of Promise.

Examples:

And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood. *Genesis 9:11*

where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. *2 Corinthians 3:17*

2.2. Conditional Promises

Promises are fulfilled by fulfilling the conditions of Promises by the Promise receiver.

Example:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. *Matthew 6:33*

Sometimes God fulfill his promises out of his grace even though we don't fulfill conditions of the Promises.

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3. Why GOD gives Promises to us?

Below are the some of the reasons why God gives promises to Mankind.

- 3.1. To give strength/courage Joshua 1:5, Isaiah 40:29
- 3.2. To give rest unto soul Matthew 11:28-30
- 3.3. To give assurance/Hope Romans 8:28
- 3.4. To meet all our needs in the spiritual journey Philippians 4:19
- 3.5. To bring glory unto his name 2 Corinthians 2:20
- 3.6. To show forth his faithfulness Psalm 36:5, Micah 7:18-20
Leads many to come to him and trust him.
- 3.7. To reveal his will Genesis 22:18

4. How to claim Promises of God (Conditional Promises)?

4.1. Understand promise of God

Read complete Bible chapter of the promise given. Understand the meaning of promise which God wants to fulfill in your life.

4.2. Understand conditions to fulfill.

Most of promises in the Bible are conditional promises. Minimum thing we must do to see fulfillment of his promises in our life is Trust in the LORD and be in his fellowship.

4.3. Believe completely on the Promise.

Even though promise is not rational, not logical, not suitable for your current situations, and seems impossible believe on the promise completely.

Example:

Abraham believed on the Promise of God in his old age when it was humanly impossible for the promise to fulfill and waited 25 years to see the fulfillment of Promise (*Romans 4:20, 21*).

Faith is very important for the fulfillment of Promise. If we have unbelief God can't do his work in our life.

According to your faith be it unto you. *Matthew 9:27-29*

Didn't do many works because of their unbelief *Matthew 13:58*

4.4. Fulfill conditions of Promise

4.5. Wait for the Promise fulfillment.

Wait prayerfully for the Promise of God. God fulfills his promise in his own time. God's promise never expires. You can claim same promise as many times as God leads and can claim it lifelong.

5. Different occasions we get Promises.

- 5.1. Yearly promises (Promises we receive during watch night service)
- 5.2. On Birthdays
- 5.3. On Marriage Anniversaries
- 5.4. On Other special occasions

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5.5. Daily calendar verses

5.6. Daily Bible Reading

Out of all these, best thing is to receive promise of GOD in our Bible reading from God directly by hearing his voice.

Bro Bakht Singh - Greatest privilege of a Christin is to know the will of God and do the will of God.

As God reveals his will in many ways. Best way to find God's will is through reading word of God.

Reading Word of God Effectively

1. Importance of Bible Reading

There are many reasons to read bible. But below are few primary reasons to read the Bible.

1.1 It Is word of God.

Given by our creator/maker. God's letter to mankind which reveals about God.

Given by the Inspiration of God 2 *Timothy 3:16*

1.2 It has word of eternal life.

Thou hast the words of eternal life *John 6:68*

Spiritual bread

Gives spiritual health, strength & guidance.

1.3 Can hear voice of God.

Can hear sweet voice of Heavenly father.

2. How to read Bible?

2.1. Have your own physical copy of Bible.

Have physical copy of Bible in the language which you read & understand.

Suggest not to use electronic devices for daily bible reading as it may cause deviations and defeat purpose of Bible reading.

2.2. Prepare bible reading plan.

Plan to read Old Testament in the Morning/Evening and New Testament in the Evening/Morning.

If you are reading Bible first time prefer to read New Testament completely before reading Old Testament to make it effective and to avoid loss of interest, etc.

As you grow in your spiritual life try spending more time in reading word of God and prepare Bible reading plan to read entire bible in a year.

2.3. Choose Quiet place.

Choose a place where there is no noise and where you can hear God's small and sweet voice. Unless you are travelling or in other unavoidable circumstances.

2.4. Pray and ask God to speak.

Pray sincerely and ask God to speak to your before reading Bible.

2.5. Read on knees if possible.

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Kneeling shows our humbleness towards God and preparedness to receive his word. As we seek voice of heavenly father better to read on knees to experience greater revelation through his word.

Note we are not reading newspaper or other books of the world. We are reading living word. So, prepare yourself and read accordingly.

2.6. Spend time in Meditating God's word.

As you start reading Bible chapter God may speak to you either by a single word or a verse or through partition of a chapter.

Spend more time in meditating a word, verse, portion, or chapter as God leads you and gives insight and burden. Through meditation God reveals secrets of word and speaks to you clearly.

2.7. Read every day.

Read bible morning and evening every day without giving gap. Even if you are not able to read complete chapter, make sure to read at least portion of chapter.

2.8. Read continuously.

Don't skip paragraphs or chapters or books of the Bible even though you are not able to understand it or follow it. Keep reading it. Even though you are not able to understand it initially, as you keep reading it over the time God will give you understanding to understand unfamiliar portions of the word of God.

2.9. Have hunger for the word of God.

Make sure you have hunger for the word of God. God can satisfy with his patness only if you are hungered for the word of God. Those who are full can't receive living bread.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God *Matthew 4:4*

2.10. Have regular checks.

As you spend time every day in reading word of God, check below questions and correct yourself as needed.

2.10.1. Are you able to hear voice of God?

As you read word of God. God speaks to you. If you are not able to hear his voice, then something is wrong. Time to ask God and correct it.

Word proceedeth out of mouth of God *Matthew 4:4*

2.10.2. Are you experiencing sweetness of word of God?

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 119:103

thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart *Jeremiah 15:16*

2.10.3. Are you able to apply word of God to your life?

2.10.4. Are you able to grow spiritually?