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The Life of Abraham—God’s Promises

God’s Truth

Have you heard the word “veracity” lately? If you answered no, you’re not alone. It’s probably because the word is used little in our everyday society and is demonstrated even less. Yet the word is still descriptive and demonstrated in attributes of God.

It is also a legal term referring to the truthfulness or accuracy of a person or statement. Let’s read an example of this in the following passage:

Genesis 21:1-2 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. (2) For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

We have been reading in Genesis of God’s reassurance to Abraham that he and Sarah would have a child, now in these two verses the veracity of God is once again revealed. Promise fulfilled! There is never a need to doubt that God will fulfill his promises. He has a history of keeping His word. While some of the promises in His Word have not yet been fulfilled we know for certain that He shall. Here are three things to remember about God’s promises.

1. GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES IN HIS OWN TIMETABLE.

He is not in a hurry and will not be rushed by our panic, insistence, and our inability to view events from His height. We are viewing things at ground level instead of God’s all-knowing (Omniscience) view of events. We learn that we should wait with anticipation instead of worry. Will Jesus come again one day? Absolutely! It’s not a matter of if He will come, but, when will he arrive.

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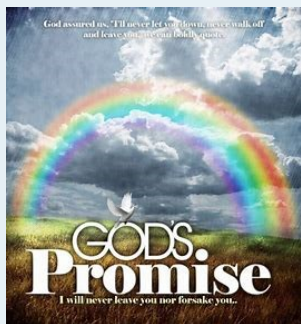
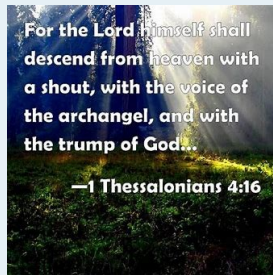
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Veracity –
habitual observance of truth in speech or state-



The birth of Isaac was a promise fulfilled.

God's Promises Continued...



2. GOD NEVER NEGLECTS HIS PROMISES.

His promises are woven into the fabric of time and space. Since God exists beyond that fabric (He is Omnipresent), His promises are in reality accomplished, completed, finished, because He has already seen it through to the end before we ever read about it. How else would God be able to give us such detailed descriptions about future events. Look at this verse concerning the future coming of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

In His foreknowledge, He inspired the Apostle Paul to write these words of hope, encouragement, and comfort because he knew we would need to see it often as a reminder that He has things under control.

We are also chosen according to God's foreknowledge. Paul wrote of this foreknowledge concerning believers:

Romans 8:29-30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God foreknew those of us who would choose to believe in Jesus, and He predestined that we would become conformed to the image of His Son, becoming regenerated children of God in His big family. In keeping with that eternal plan, He called us through the gospel, justified us (made us righteous) and will ultimately glorify us in His future kingdom.

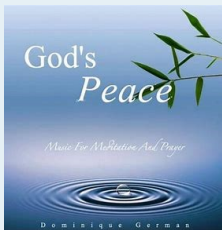
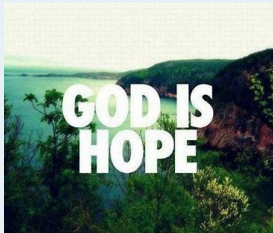
3. NOT ALL OF GOD'S PROMISES ARE FOR YOU.

Some of His promises are universal while other promises are confined to a specific context. Here are some examples of His promises you can claim:

- **Matthew 11:28** Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- **John 3:36** He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- **John 5:24** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
- **Romans 10:13** For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

*These verses show
God's...*

- * *Faithfulness*
- * *Strength*
- * *Promises of hope*
- * *Peace*
- * *Eternal life*



More of God's Promises Continued...

Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Hebrews 10:23: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

Isaiah 40:31: "But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

1 Thessalonians 5:24: "He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

1 Peter 5:10: "But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

Deuteronomy 7:9: "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

John 11:25-26: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?'"

