

# WHY GOD MAKES PROMISES

## ***Why are promises important?***

## ***What is the impact /outcomes of a broken promise?***

### **I. Because Promises Lead Us in the \_\_\_\_\_**

John 3:16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

### **II. Because Promises Reveal \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Peter 1:4 God made great and marvelous promises, so that his nature would become part of us. Then we could escape our evil desires and the corrupt influences of this world.

Hebrews 10:23 (Msg) So let’s *do it*—full of belief, confident that we’re presentable inside and out. Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word

### **III. Because Promises Demonstrate God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

Isaiah 49:23 Kings and queens will serve you and care for all your needs. They will bow to the earth before you and lick the dust from your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord. Those who trust in me will never be put to shame.

Ezekiel 20:38; I will purge you of all those who rebel and revolt against me. I will bring them out of the countries where they are in exile, but they will never enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

Zechariah 4:8–9; Then another message came to me from the Lord: “Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has sent me.

John 2:19–22; “All right,” Jesus replied. “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” “What!” they exclaimed. “It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?” But when Jesus said “this temple,” he meant his own body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

Luke 6:37-38 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full — pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

## ***What are the impacts and effects of a kept promise?***

### **I. Promises \_\_\_\_\_ Us During Hard Times**

1 Timothy 1:18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well,

### **II. Promises Are the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_**

Hebrews 11:1 & 6 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.<sup>6</sup> And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

### **III. The Greatest Guarantee of God’s Promise \_\_\_\_\_**

2 Corinthians 1:20-22 “Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God’s Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.”

## **OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS**

### **1. He would be human, born of a woman.**

Genesis 3:15 "I will make you and your brood enemies of the woman and all her children; The woman's child will stomp your head, and you will strike his heel." "See Gal. 4:4-5, Matt. 1:18

### **2. He will reconcile people to God.**

Genesis 3:15b "I'm declaring war between you and the Woman, between your offspring and hers. He'll wound your head, you'll wound his heel." See Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8

### **3. He would crush evil at his own expense.**

Genesis 3:15c "He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel." See Matt. 27:35, Luke 24:39-40

### **4. He would be a descendant of Abraham.**

Genesis 22:18 "Through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." See Matt. 11:27 & Luke 3:36

### **5. He would be a descendant of Abraham's son, Isaac.**

Genesis 26:4-5 I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring[a] all nations on earth will be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions." See Rom. 9:7, Heb. 11:18, Matt. 1:2

### **6. He would be a descendant of Isaac's son, Jacob.**

Gen. 28:13b -14 The Lord said, "The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup>Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. See Luke 3:34

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