

Obtaining the Promises

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the **promises** of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Goals, desires, prophetic statements, written word for the entire body of Christ; personal guidance & assurance given directly from your heavenly Father! Some promises we walk in corporately and some individually.



Promise defined:

- Primarily a legal term denoting a summons or promise to do or give something.
- Agreement, consent
- To declare that something will be done
- A promise is a word that goes forth into unfilled time. It reaches ahead of its speaker and its recipient, to mark an appointment between them in the future. A promise may be an assurance of continuing or future action on behalf of someone:

Be Faithful to what you are called to do - Don't quit

Colossians 4:17 And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

Who are the promises for?

Romans 9:4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the **promises**;

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the **promises**, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the **promises** made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Galatians 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the **promise**.

Hebrews 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better **promises**.

Do not be sluggish

Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the **promises**.

Live Righteous in an unrighteous world

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these **promises**, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Peter 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious **promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

War a good warfare

1 Timothy 4:14-15 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

Walk in Faith

Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the **promises** offered up his only begotten son,

Hebrews 11:33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained **promises**, stopped the mouths of lions,

Most people don't lack guidance – They lack Faith, constantly whining & speaking what they don't have.

There are so many promises on guidance our confession should be: "I have the guidance of God. He guides me continually"

Faith calls those things which are not as though it were!

Don't give up hope and give in to discouragement

(Never make major decisions during down moments)

Numbers 23:19-20 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent.

Has He said, and will He not do?

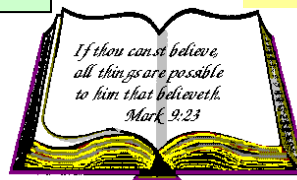
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.



Be obedient to the conditions

2 Chronicles 7:14 "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, **then** I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



Russell Kelso Carter (1849-1928)

Mr. Carter's fruitful life reflects the truth of this hymn—that only as we stand on God's promises are we enabled to live with purpose for God's glory.

Standing on the promises:

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, thru eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me; standing in the liberty where Christ makes free, standing on the promises of God,

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, list'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Chorus: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior. Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

How many promises are there? (31,173 verses in Bible)

The magazine Time, of Dec. 4, 1956, carried an item to the effect that Schoolteacher Everet R. Storms, of Kitchener, Canada, reckoned the 30,000 figure to be off the mark. During his 27th reading of the Bible, this devout student tried to tally up the promises, a task which took him a year and a half. Storms came up with 7,487 promises by God to man, 2 by God the Father to God the Son, 991 by one man to another (such as the servants who promised to interpret King Nebuchadnezzar's dream), 290 by man to God. 21 promises were made by angels, one by man to an angel, and two were made by an evil spirit to the Lord. Satan made nine, as when he promised the world to Christ if He would fall down and worship him. Storms then gives us the grand total of **8,810** promises.