

I Know God's Promise is True

(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from Internet Sources)

Introduction:

- A. 2Cor. 1:20 - "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."
 - 1. "Are yes" - Shall all be certainly fulfilled. There shall be no vacillation on the part of God; no fickleness; no abandoning His gracious intention.
 - 2. "And in him Amen" - In Rev. 3:14, Jesus is called the Amen. The word means true, faithful, certain; and the expression here means that all the promises which are made to men through Him will be certainly fulfilled. They are promises which are confirmed and established, and which shall by no means fail.
- B. Promise embraces both the declaration and the deed.
 - 1. God's promise begins with a declaration by God; it covers God's future plan for all the nations of the earth, and it focuses on the gifts and deeds God will undertake.
 - 2. He would be their God; they would be His people, and He would dwell with them.
 - 3. He validated His promises by working since the time the words were spoken to see them fulfilled
- C. Promise - a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will be done (Merriam-Webster)
 - 1. The Old Testament did not use a specific Hebrew word for promise. It used ordinary words to encapsulate the pivotal promise of God: "speak, say, swear"
 - 2. The New Testament uses both the noun promise (51 times) and the verb (11 times)
 - 3. Epaggelia - "an announcement for information, assent or pledge; especially a Divine assurance of good; message, promise" (Strong's)
- D. Heb. 6:13-19
 - 1. When God makes a promise: faith believes it, hope anticipates it, and patience quietly awaits it.

I. "ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU"

- A. Matt. 7:7-11
- B. 1John 5:14 - Anything asking in harmony with God's will is answered
- C. Rom. 8:26 - Sometimes we don't know what we need.
- D. Matt. 6:8 - God knows our needs before we ask.

II. "HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED"

- A. Mark 16:16
- B. Eph. 2:8-9 - Saved by grace, not by works of merit.
- C. Titus 3:5 - Saved by grace through obedience to the Gospel
- D. Rom. 3:10 - There are none who are righteous.
- E. Luke 17:10 - We are all unprofitable servants.

III. "I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU"

- A. John 14:1-4
- B. Rev. 21:1-4 - No more tears in heaven.

IV. "HE WILL BY NO MEANS LOSE HIS REWARD"

- A. Mark 9:41
- B. Zech. 4:10; Haggai 2:4-9 - Don't despise the day of small things.

V. "WITH HIM THERE IS NO VARIATION OR SHADOW OF TURNING"

- A. James 1:17
- B. 2Tim. 1:12 - Confidence in God's promises.
- C. 1Cor. 10:13 - God is faithful.

Conclusion:

- A. God has made and kept many precious promises to us - Rom. 8:31-39
- B. What will we promise and keep for Him?