



GATEWAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Promises”

Psalm 18:30; Psalm 145:13
Randy Watson 5/8/16

The Power of God’s Promises

Promises are something you can count on... maybe!

God is the Ultimate Promise Maker and Promise Keeper!

We are given to promise making because of Genesis 1:26-27

Psalm 145:13

God’s promises give us hope NOW that He is going to fix things in the future. Hope says: *things can get better*.

A promise can shape the future!

The more we become like God, the more reliable we will be when it comes to making and keeping our own promises!

Even imperfect people can make and keep their promises. How?
... *because* we have a promise from God:

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

Psalm 18:30

Notice: You can substitute God’s Word for God’s promise.

Why? ⇨ Because God’s Word is God’s promise!

God’s way is perfect. All the LORD’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection. Psalm 18:30 NLT

God’s Mother’s day Promise:

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

*Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to **all** his promises and loving toward all he has made.* Psalm 145:13 NIV

⇨ God’s word is my personal promise of hope.

Next Week: *“The Promise for Provision”*
Philippians 4:19 & Matthew 6:33

May's Memory Verse – *Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much. Psalm 119:140 (NLT)*

Monday 5/8- Read Psalm 18:1-50

Question: *For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? Vs. 31*

Truth: *The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! Vs. 46*

Meditate: *Psalm 18:30 – As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.*

Prayer: *The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Vs. 2*

Action: *I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. Vs. 3*

Today I need God's help with:

Tuesday 5/9- Read Psalm 145:1-21

Question: *Why can I always trust in God?*

Truth: *The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. Vs. 17*

Meditate: *Psalm 145:13 – Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. **The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.***

Prayer: *My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.*

Action: *I will exalt you, my God the King; **I will praise your name forever and ever.***

I will walk in faith today by:

Wednesday 5/10- Read Acts 2:14-41

Question: *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "**Brothers, what shall we do?**" Vs. 37*

Truth: *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Vs. 38*

Meditate: *Acts 2:39- The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call. "*

Prayer: *Jesus, Thank you that the promise of salvation and the forgiveness of my sins is still available for me and my loved ones today.*

Action: *Turn away from my sin by confessing it to Jesus and trusting in him for his forgiveness.*

Have I been obedient in believer's baptism?

Thursday 5/11- Read Hebrews 10:19-25

Question: *How can I approach God when Jesus is my LORD?*

Truth: *let us draw near to God **with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings** Vs. 22*

Meditate: *Hebrews 10:23- Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

Prayer: *Lord, help me to be faithful in all I do.*

Action: *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, Vs. 24*

What God is telling me:

Friday 5/12- Read Psalm 119:140-170

Question: *Why is it a must for me to know God's promises?*

Truth: *Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise. Vs. 154*

Meditate: *Psalm 119:140 – Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them.*

Prayer: *May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise. Vs. 170*

Action: *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

What I will do to bring glory to God:

Life Group Outline- The Power of God's Promises

Fellowship and Praises-

Take **20-35 minutes** as a group to share what God has been doing in your life. ***Has anyone experienced a Break Through this week?***

Bible verse memorization: Share with the group what this memory verse means to you.

Bible Study Exercise: Read Psalm 18:30

As for God, his way is perfect: How does this inspire you?

The Lord's word is flawless; How does this help you?

he shields all who take refuge in him. How has God protected you?

Read Psalm 145.13

Share when God delivered on a personal promise he made to you?

What promises of God am I trusting in today?

Read Acts 2:14-41

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

God's promise of salvation through Jesus has not changed.

How does that encourage you?

Break up into pairs and practice sharing the promise of God's salvation through Jesus with one another.

Prayer Time- remember your 5

Going Deeper: Read Psalm 119:140-170

My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. Vs. 148

Real Application: Because God is faithful I can always trust in his promises.

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