

Promises

As Christians, we stand on the promises of God, yet how do we know God will keep those promises?

Promise - In Scripture, the promise of God is the declaration or assurance which God has given in his word of bestowing blessings on his people. Such assurance resting on the perfect justice, power, benevolence and immutable veracity of God, cannot fail of performance.

- Webster's 1828 Dictionary

The Bible is full of promises made and kept by God. The fulfillment of Bible Prophecy is one way we can see God keeping his promises. One of the most recent examples took place on [May 14, 1948](#), when Israel was again established as a country. God has not forgotten his promise to the people of Israel. So how do we know that God will not forget his promises to Christians?

And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that [is] with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This [is] the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that [is] with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which [is] between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

- Genesis 9:8-15 (KJV)

God made a promise to Noah, and showed how important that promise was by setting his bow in the heavens as a reminder to both us **and himself**. And like Noah, God has given Christians (and himself) a sign to remember his promises:

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **Peace be unto you.** Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.** And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My LORD and my God.** Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**

- John 20:26-29 (KJV)

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

- Revelation 1:7 (KJV)

Jesus could have easily healed those scars, yet those scars remain. Those scars were used to prove and remind Thomas who Jesus was and what he did for Thomas, and those scars will be used again when He returns again.

God put his promises in writing (the Bible) and with signs such as the rainbow. In doing so, we learn more of the character of God. The same goes with people. A person's promises reflect his or her character. Do we keep our word to others? How often have we let our children, loved ones, friends and coworkers down?

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- Romans 8:29 (KJV)

God wants us to become like his son. If God keeps his promises, than we had better start keeping our own. Yes, there are times when we can't keep a promise due to things beyond our control. When that happens, we need to make sure others understand why we can't keep a promise. When we make a promise, we should do our best to fulfill that promise.

*Standing on the promises that can not 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, Standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, Standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God*

-Verse 2 with Chorus, Standing on the Promises, R. Kelso Carter
Majesty Hymns