

God Keeps His Promises

Joshua 21:43-45 (NLT)

⁴³ So the Lord gave to Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. ⁴⁴ And the Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had solemnly promised their ancestors. None of their enemies could stand against them, for the Lord helped them conquer all their enemies. ⁴⁵ Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.

A promise is a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that particular thing will happen.

Proverbs 22:1 says, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.”

God Finishes What He Starts and God Keeps His Promises.

1. God's Promises are GIFTS.

Joshua 21:43 (NLT)

So, the Lord gave to Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He GAVE His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but receive eternal life.”

God's promises are gifts, not anything we deserve, not an obligation, no conditions other than to complete the gift by receiving it from God.

2. God's Promises Lead to REST.

Joshua 21:44 (NLT)

And the Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had solemnly promised their ancestors.

Joshua 1:13 (NLT)

“Remember what Moses, the servant of the Lord, commanded you: ‘The Lord your God is giving you a place of rest. He has given you this land.’

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find REST for your souls.”

3. God’s Promises Give STRENGTH.

Joshua 21:44 (NLT)

None of their enemies could stand against them, for the Lord helped them conquer all their enemies.

Isaiah 40:29-31(NLT)

²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

³¹ But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

God’s promises are always transforming promises: you will be changed.

4. ALL of God’s Promises are COMPLETED.

Joshua 21:45 (NLT)

Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.

A promise is only as good as the ability and the character of the one who makes the promise.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (ESV)

He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

—The Promise Was Not Fulfilled Quickly.

—The Promise Did Not Come Without a Struggle.

—The Promise of God Did Not Come Without Some Failure Along the Way.

God's promises never fail even when we fail him.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding
"Yes!"