

# You Promised

*Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.  
My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life."*

*Psalm 119:49-50 (NIV)*

**W**ith the coming of Christmas there is excitement as children especially anticipate the celebration and gift giving that occurs in most homes. Children sometimes seek to get a promise from their parents concerning a certain gift they especially want. Most parents seek to live up to any promise they make to their children and thus the child knows that a promise made is a promise kept.

Sadly there are times when we make a promise only to discover that we spoke too soon. We may lack the resources to do as we promised. Or we may find that the item promised has been sold out at the store and is no longer available. We may forget our promise and discover too late that the promise made was a promise broken. For many reasons we frail humans are not always reliable when it comes to the matter of fulfilling our promises to our loved ones. This deficiency is never observed in our Lord. He is always as good as His word.

God does not suffer from our weaknesses. His power to perform is limitless. He is sovereign and so He controls everything so that His holy will always

occur. His knowledge is without limits and so He is never surprised by anything. God is full of wisdom and thus never makes a bad choice. With such amazing attributes is it any wonder that the Lord can and does all He desires?

A very encouraging comment is made by the writer to the Hebrew Christians in Hebrews 6:18-19 (NIV) "...it is impossible for God to lie, [so that] we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

Study Scripture and see what promise fits your need and then humbly come before the Lord and ask for the fulfillment of what He has promised. See Luke 11:13 and pray that the Comforter, the Enabler, the Equipper will make you strong in faith and good works as promised. Read Isaiah 40:30-31, remind the Lord that your hope is in Him and plead with Him for the strength you need. Meditate on Romans 8:28 and seek the Lord in prayer asking to understand how your trials are working for good. Read Psalm 90:14 and call on the Lord to bless you with a joyful

spirit as you consider His everlasting love for you.

As the small child comes to their parents and says, "You promised." Come to your Father in heaven and use the same strategy in prayer. The promises are given to us to use in prayer. Your heavenly Father delights to give you good things, things that will grow you in grace and the knowledge of Him (2 Peter 3:18).

Read Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV) "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe..." Come today with empty hands and expectant hearts and you shall be rewarded with eternal blessings.

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