

Promises, Promises

Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return.

They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

Isaiah 35:10

Many of us have listened spell-bound as a fast talking salesperson praises the virtues of the product he/she is selling. Some salespeople are so good we begin wondering how we have managed to live so long without the thing they seek to sell us.

Great promises are made to us about how this thing will save us time, help us sleep like babies at night—or whatever else their product is designed to do. The salesperson will tell us this is our lucky day and he/she will close with some line like, “Would you like to take this one home with you or can we ship it to your front door at a minimal cost?”

So many promises are made to us every day that we become cynical about everyone who makes promises. Such a mindset can make us wary even of the promises of God! Such a concern should not be entertained for a second.

The reason we should be concerned about a salesperson’s promises is that their product is made by fallible people like us and they can make mistakes building or assembling the item in question. The design may be

faulty or the claims exaggerated.

When it comes to The Lord, we should look at His promises made many years ago and see if they came to pass. Did God promise anything in a time past that did not come true? Never! Everything God promises happens just when and as He prophesied.

The reasons for all of God’s promises coming true include His infinite power to do as He says. No one—nor anything—can cause Him to break His promises. God does not make mistakes and as we look at creation we see remarkable wisdom concerning how everything works together.

Sometimes we have to break a promise because of unforeseen circumstances. Something happens that we did not take into account when we promised something and now we must change our plans. God never changes His plans. He knows the end from the beginning because He plans whatever happens. Nothing takes God by surprise to upset what He chooses to do.

God is not deceitful. He never

lies—as we are tempted to do at times. We can always believe the Lord. He has earned our trust from situations in the past—where His word came true in spite of great obstacles.

His love in times past
forbids me to think
He’ll leave me at last
in trouble to sink.
Each sweet Ebenezer
I have in reviews,
confirms His good pleasure
to see me quite through.
-John Newton

Judge not The Lord
by feeble sense.
But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.
-William Cowper

If you are the Lord’s the best is yet to come. You shall certainly see His promises fulfilled, every one of them! Put your trust in the infallible One today and ride out the storm. Soon enough He will speak the word, the storm will instantly pass, and you shall have a safe harbour at last.

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