# **What God Promises He Can Do**

**Romans 4:20-21**

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Promises of God / 2 Co 1:12–24; 2 Pe 1:1–4

Stand of God promises found in the word of God

I challenge you to stand on God’s promises found in His Word. There are approximately 8,810 promises in the entire Bible, 7,706 in the Old Testament, and 1,104 in the New Testament. Peter calls God’s great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. We must live by revelation, the promises of God’s written Word. Let’s ponder how to **stand on a promise from God:**

I. What a Promise Is

A promise is someone’s word of certainty that he or she will act on what they told you they would do. A promise from **God** is something He has gone on record that He will do. Every promise of God assures us of hope that

God will act,

God will do something,

and God will be involved.

II. A Promise Is Only as Good as the One Making the Promise

People can make promises all day long, but the promise is only as good as the person making it. Even the devil makes promises, but of course, he never keeps them. But when God makes a promise, you can trust Him, you can believe what He says. You are dealing with a God Who cannot lie. So when God makes a promise, you can know that behind it is the all-knowing, (Omniscient)all-powerful, (**Omnipotent),** all-present (Omnipresent) God. He always remembers what He said He would do.

[Romans 4:20-21](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Ro4.20-21)

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; **21**  And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

III. God’s Promises are Found in God’s Word

God’s promises are written down. They aren’t found in some emotional experience or subjective words from someone who says, “God told me to tell you…” His promises are not hidden. The Bible is a promise book. When God makes a promise, it will always be consistent with His written Word, the Bible.

IV. Search the Scriptures for a Promise that Relates to Your Specific Need

God has a promise for whatever it is you are facing. His Word is more significant than today’s news. Your circumstances will change, yet God’s Word never changes. There are Scriptures that will meet your need more at one particular time than another. Why? God’s Word is alive!

V. The Holy Spirit Will Bring to Your Mind a Promise from God’s Word if You Are in God’s Word and in God’s Will

[John 14:26](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Jn14.26)

But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Spirit works through the Holy Scriptures. That is why it is vital that you open the pages of the Bible every day, and allow God to speak to you. That is why you should be in Bible Study and Sunday School to hear and read the scriptures so that God may speak to you and through his promises. I am amazed each day that what I read is exactly what I need for that day. Also, the Holy Spirit will sometimes impress me to seek out a Scripture, or God will use someone to prompt me to look for a promise.

VI. Stand on God’s Promises, Not on Your Feelings or Circumstances

You cannot trust your feelings; they are constantly changing. Trusting your circumstances can discourage you. God’s promises are designed to help you live above your circumstances, not below them. Stop looking around at what is going on in your life and start looking in God’s Word so you can look up to Him, knowing that His Word never changes as do your feelings and circumstances.

VII. Only Faith Can Activate the Promises of God

**You have to believe what God said:**

[Hebrews 11:6](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Heb11.6) But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith doesn’t focus on “How,” it focuses on “Who.” Faith is persistently hanging onto God’s Word even when it seems like God is not at work. Faith looks at God and browses at the circumstances. We get in trouble when we look at our circumstances and peek at God.

VIII. **Get Ready for a Test**

A test of your faith will come.

You cannot escape it.

God wants to use that test to strengthen you, not to defeat you.

When that happens,

Hold on to God. If not, Satan will turn God’s helpful test into a overpowering temptation.

The test determines how much you believe God.

Be prepared for the “What If’s”—“What if it doesn’t happen?”

“What if God doesn’t come through?”

“What if He doesn’t come through in time?”—and keep standing!

IX. Give It Time

X. Pay Attention to the Conditions

Most of God’s promises have conditions, strings attached. Meeting the conditions is essential for God to do what He promised. God will only do what He can do when you do what He told you that you must do. Ask yourself, “What is God requiring me to do in order for Him to work?”

XI. Look to God, Not to Anyone or Anything Else as Your Source

XII. Claim These Promises Regularly

## **Promises of Peace and Comfort**

#### Isaiah 26:3

"You will keep in perfect [peace](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-peace) those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you."

#### Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you [rest](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-rest)."

#### John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

## **Promises of Guidance and Wisdom**

#### Proverbs 3:5-6

"[Trust in the Lord](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-trusting-god) with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

#### 1:5 (KJV) Jas 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

#### Psalm 32:8

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

## **Promises of God's Presence**"

## Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

#### Matthew 28:20 (KJV)

#### Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)

## Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said**, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

## Promises of Provision

#### Philippians 4:19

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of [his glory](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-gods-glory) in Christ Jesus."

#### Matthew 6:31-33

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

## Promises of Strength

#### Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. [I will strengthen you](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-strength) and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

#### Psalm 91:14-15

"'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; [I will protect him](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-about-protection), for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.'"

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

## Promises of God's Protection

#### Psalm 121:7-8

"The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

#### 2 Thessalonians 3:3

"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one."

#### Psalm 91:4

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

## Promises of God's Healing

#### Isaiah 53:5

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

#### Psalm 147:3

"[He heals the brokenhearted](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-for-healing) and binds up their wounds."

#### James 5:14-15

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

## Promises of God's Victory

#### 1 Corinthians 15:57

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### Romans 8:37

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

#### 1 John 5:4

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

## Promises of God's Restoration

#### Joel 2:25

"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm— my great army that I sent among you."

#### Isaiah 61:3

"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

#### 1 Peter 5:10

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast."

## Promises of Spiritual Growth

#### Philippians 1:6

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

#### 2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

#### John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."

## Promises of Forgiveness

#### 1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will [forgive](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/bible-verses-for-forgiveness) us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

#### Isaiah 43:25

"I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

#### Psalm 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

## Promises of God's Love

#### Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### 1 John 4:16

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

#### Jeremiah 31:3

"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'"

## Promises to Answer Prayer

#### Matthew 7:7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

#### 1 John 5:14

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

#### Hebrews 7:25

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

## Promises of God's Faithfulness

#### Lamentations 3:22-23

"Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

#### Deuteronomy 7:9

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments."

#### 1 Corinthians 1:9

"God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

## Promises of Joy

#### Psalm 16:11

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

#### Psalm 119:111

"Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the [joy](https://www.biblelyfe.com/blog/50-bible-verses-about-joy) of my heart."

#### John 15:10-11

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

## Promises of Justice

#### Isaiah 30:18

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

#### Isaiah 61:8

"For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them."

#### Psalm 9:7-8

"But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness."

#### Psalm 37:28

"For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish."

#### Psalm 89:14

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you."

#### Revelation 19:11

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war."

## Promises of Deliverance

#### Psalm 18:17

"He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me."

#### Psalm 34:19

"The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

#### Deuteronomy 20:4

"For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

## Promises of Empowerment by the Holy Spirit

#### Ezekiel 36:26-27

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

#### Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### 2 Timothy 1:7

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

#### Romans 8:26

"Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

## Conclusion

As we've journeyed through the Bible, we've discovered the incredible depth and breadth of God's promises. Each verse we've pondered serves as a reassurance that His word is unchanging, His promises are steadfast, and His love is boundless. Just like the Israelites in the land of Egypt, we too may find ourselves in places of despair, feeling enslaved to our circumstances or to sin. Yet, the promises of God, especially His promise of salvation, assure us of His perpetual presence, His abiding love, and His redeeming power.

Remember 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 have eternal life." This promise, more than any other, is a gift of hope, love, and eternity, freely offered to all who believe. In the face of God's promises, let us not falter but let our hearts be strong, embracing His words, and allowing His promises to fill our lives with hope, courage, and faith.

1. The Promise of Salvation

[Romans 10:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Ro10.13) – for “WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.”

**2. The Promise of Forgiveness When a Christian Sins**

[I John I:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.1Jn1.9) – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**3. The Promise of God Working Even through Trying Situations**

[Romans 8:28](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Ro8.28) – And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

**Psalm 37:23-24 (KJV)**

**Ps 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.**

**24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.**

**4. The Promise of Answered Prayer**

[Matthew 7:7-8](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Mt7.7-8) – “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: **8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

[I John 5:14-15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.1Jn5.14-15) – And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: **15** And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

[John 15:7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Jn15.7) – If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

5. The Promise of Overcoming

[I Corinthians 10:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.1Co10.13) – No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

6. The Promise of His Presence

[Hebrews 13:5](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Heb13.5) – Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”

7. The Promise to Meet your Needs

[Philippians 4:19](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Php4.19) – And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

8. The Promise of a Future

[Jeremiah 29:11](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Je29.11) – For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

**9. The Promise of Peace in the Midst of a Storm**

[John 14:27](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Jn14.27) – Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

[John 16: 33](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Jn16.33) These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

**10. The Promise of Heaven**

[John 14:1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleKJV.Jn14.1-2) – Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father’s house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.