

SENIOR HIGH BIBLE MEMORY: GOD'S PROMISES

I. GOD HAS EXPRESSED HIS PROMISES IN CLEAR, SIMPLE LANGUAGE.

A. God's promises are recorded in the Scriptures. Romans 1:2

(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

B. God's promises are backed by His faithfulness. Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

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C. God has confirmed His faithfulness by an oath. Hebrews 6:17-18

- 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:
- 18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

D. God's promises are to motivate His children to duty and holiness. II Corinthians 6:17-18 and 7:1

- 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,
- 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.
- 1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

E. Although not all promises are made to the Christian, all are for our edification. Romans 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

F. God's promises have been confirmed and fulfilled in Christ. II Corinthians 1:19-20

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

G. Man does not know God's timetable for the fulfillment of His promises. II Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

H. God's promises are obtained or possessed through faith. Romans 4:16; Hebrews 6:12

16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

II. SCRIPTURE DESCRIBES GOD'S PROMISES IN SEVERAL TERMS.

A. God's promise is called good. I Kings 8:56

Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

B. God's promise is called holy. Psalm 105:42

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

C. God's promises are called great and precious. II Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding 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.

III. GOD HAS GIVEN PROMISES CONCERNING THE PHYSICAL WELFARE OF HIS CHILDREN.

A. God has promised longer life for obedience to Him. Proverbs 3:1-2

- 1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
- 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

B. God has promised longer life for honoring parents. Ephesians 6:2-3

- 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;
- 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.



C. God has promised peace and comfort in fear. John 14:27; Philippians 4:7

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

D. God has promised help in illness. Psalm 41:3

The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

E. God has promised the rest of sweet sleep. Proverbs 3:24

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

F. God has promised both afflictions and delivery in those afflictions. I Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 50:15

3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

G. God has promised to dry our tears. Revelation 7:17

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

H. God has promised renewal of strength. Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

I. God has promised that nothing shall happen by chance. Proverbs 16:33

The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

J. God has promised children as His heritage. Psalm 127:3

Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

K. God has promised a blessed home life. Proverbs 3:33

The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

L. God has promised preservation of orphans and widows. Jeremiah 49:11

Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

M. God has promised blessings upon the children of godly parents. Psalm 112:1-2; Proverbs 20:7

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.
- 2 His seed shall be might upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.
- 7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

N. God has promised our basic needs of food, drink, and clothing. Matthew 6:31-32

- 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

O. God has promised to meet our every need. Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33

- 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

IV. GOD HAS GIVEN SPIRITUAL PROMISES TO THOSE WHO ARE SAVED.

A. God has promised abundant life. John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

B. God has promised eternal life. I John 2:25

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

C. God has promised the indwelling Holy Spirit as the earnest or pledge of His salvation. II Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

D. God has promised His eternal presence. Hebrews 13:5

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.

E. God has promised that He is slow to anger and merciful. Psalm 103:8

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

F. God has promised to forget only one thing: our sins. Hebrews 10:17

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.



G. God has promised salvation from His wrath. Romans 5:9

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

H. God has promised us sonship. Galatians 4:6-7; John 1:12

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

I. God has promised that we will be his heirs. Galatians 3:29

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

J. God has promised the advocacy of Jesus Christ. I John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

K. God has promised that He will never change. James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

L. God has promised to hear and answer our prayers. I John 5:14-15

14 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.

M. God has promised us victory over spiritual foes. Romans 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

N. God has promised us angelic protection and care. Psalm 34:7; Hebrews 1:14

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

O. God has promised that nothing can separate us from His love. Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P. God has promised His enabling to do His calling. I Thessalonians 5:24

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Q. God has promised rewards for our work. Revelation 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

R. God has promised that we shall bear life's burdens with His help. Galatians 6:5; Psalm 55:22

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

S. God has promised us chastisement for disobedience for our profit. Hebrews 12:6, 11

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

T. God has promised never to test us beyond our endurance. I Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

U. God has promised a spiritual harvest after labor. Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

V. God has promised that He cares for us. I Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

W. God has promised us courage. II Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

X. God has promised wisdom if we ask. James 1:5

If any of you ask wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.



Y. God has promised victory over death. I Corinthians 15:54-57

- 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
- 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
- 56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.
- 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

V. GOD HAS GIVEN PROMISES CONCERNING ETERNITY TO THE CHRISTIAN.

A. God has promised us an eternal home in heaven. I Peter 1:3-4

- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

B. God has promised that Christ will return for His own. John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

C. God has promised to those who die before Christ's return that the soul will have immediate entrance into heaven after death. II Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

D. God has promised that, at Christ's return for His own, the dead in Christ will be bodily resurrected.

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

- 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

E. God has promised that, whether still living or resurrected, we all shall be changed to immortal beings. I Corinthians 15:51-52

- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

F. God has promised that we shall be like Christ. I John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

G. God has promised that we must appear before the Judgment Seat for reward or loss for our earthly works. I Corinthians 3:13-15

- 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
- 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

H. God has promised that heaven will be sinless. Revelation 21:27

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

I. God has promised that there shall be no night in heaven. Revelation 22:5

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

J. God has promised that there will be neither pain nor sorrow in heaven. Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

K. God has promised to dwell with His people for eternity. Revelation 21:3

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.