

KEEPING HIS PROMISES

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"That by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us." {Hebrews 6:18}

"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day." {2 Timothy 1:12}

What do these two passages have in common? Faith and total trust. For one to faithfully follow the Lord, faith and trust will be a necessity. Why? Please allow the Scriptures to answer.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." {Hebrews 11:6}

"Though He ·slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him." {Job 13:15}

"Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD." {Psalm 4:5}

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." {Psalm 23:4}

God gives us no cause to ever doubt or wonder about the things He commands or the promises He has made. God will deliver on His word. Let me just give you some examples:

"So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites." {Exodus 3:8} **Promise.**

"Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit." {Numbers 13:27}

"So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it." {Joshua 21:43} **Fulfillment.**

"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." {Genesis 12:3} **The promise.**

"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." {Galatians 3:29} **The fulfillment.**

We could list many more, but I believe you get the point. God keeps His promises. He always has, always will. This we can count on.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, ... " {2 Peter 3:9}
God does not make idle promises which He cannot act upon. I'm happy for this because of the following promises:

" ... He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." {Hebrews 13:5}

"...faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. " {Revelation 2:10}

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. "{1 Corinthians 10:13}

"In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, "{Titus 1:2}

Do you have faith in God? Do you trust Him? Do you believe these promises? What evidence could one offer that would cause one to deny any promise God has made—negative or positive? God is true and that is one thing we can be absolutely sure about ***