## **The Promises of God**

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

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<sup>20</sup> "For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore, also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

<sup>21</sup>Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

<sup>22</sup> who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge."

The Christian life rests on a foundation of God's promises for today and for the future. We can trust everything that our heavenly Father has said to us, because His Word shows Him to be...

**Truthful**. The Lord knows what is true and speaks honestly in all matters. We can be assured of this because He is holy; there is no sin in Him. He is also omniscient and understands everything (<u>Hebrews 4:12-13</u>). His promises are based on His infinite knowledge and truthfulness.

## Hebrews 4:12-13 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

<sup>13</sup> And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."

**Faithful**. Scripture compares the Lord to a shepherd who "gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart" (Isaiah 40:11 NIV).

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<sup>11</sup> "Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm <u>He will gather the lambs And</u> <u>carry *them* in His bosom</u>; He will gently lead the nursing *ewes*."

What He has planned for us, He will bring to fruition (<u>Philippians 1:6</u>). Our heavenly Father does not waver in His intentions or will.

## Philippians 1:6 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

**Loving.** God's love for us was demonstrated at the cross. He sent His Son Jesus to die by crucifixion and thereby take the punishment for our sins. The Savior experienced God's wrath against iniquity so we might know only His love. This is the ultimate proof of His devotion to us.

**All-powerful.** Divine power created the world and raised the Savior back to life, so we know God has the ability to carry out all His plans. Our omnipotent Father will keep every one of His promises.

A promise is valuable only if the one making it has trustworthy character and the ability to carry through. Our heavenly Father is truthful, faithful, loving, and all-powerful. We can base our entire life on His promises, secure in the knowledge that He will do just as He has said.