

## Opening Declaration

"God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being that He should change His mind.  
Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?"

Numbers 23:19

## Prayer

Our Lord God, Your Word is full of promises You have made to Your people across generations. To the people of Israel You said time and again: "you will be my people and I will be Your God" and today we rest in the assurance that we are Your people and You are our God and Your promises can be trusted.

## Scripture

"When God made His promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, He swore by Himself"

Hebrews 6:13

"Yet he [Abraham] did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised"

Romans 4:20-21

"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Jeremiah 32:27

"Even to your old age and grey hairs  
I am He, I am He who will sustain you.  
I have made you and I will carry you;  
I will sustain you and I will rescue you"

Isaiah 46:4

## Reflect

We know God keeps His promises, but it doesn't always appear a reality in our daily lives. How do we live as Christians when we don't see the promises of God being fulfilled in our lives? We can pour out our frustrations to God and ask Him to reveal His great and precious promises to give us hope, joy, peace, wisdom and strength for whatever we are facing in our day. No matter how long it takes, God's promises are sure. Not one failed in history, not one will fail me today.

## Prayer

Dear Lord, I give this day to You and put my faith in You and Your love for me. Thank you for giving us priceless promises, great beyond measure – promises that apply to Your work in me, in my loved ones, in my situation, in my service, and in the whole world. Help me to focus on the great and precious promises You have given me, to trust You and not lean on my own understanding  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

## Hymn

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see  
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;  
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

(Russell Kelso Carter, 1886)

## Reflection

What does it mean to stand on God's promises? It means having confidence that they are the strong foundation for our lives.

Come to God and quiet your heart before Him. Picture God in all His power promising to be with you, to love, protect and care for you. Sense His amazing love and let your mind be at peace.

Say with confidence:

"Father, I trust in Your promises"

## Prayer

I praise You because no problem, however hopeless or impossible, is too hard for You. I need never doubt Your promises or waiver in unbelief. What You have promised You are able to do.

## Pause

*"So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am Your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*  
Isaiah 41:10

In this confusing and uncertain world, we draw strength from God's promise that He is with us, unchanging in character, true to His Word and completely reliable. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, we know our amazing and faithful God. Is there a promise that you need to claim right now?

## Bible Readings

*"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" ascends to God for His glory"*  
2 Corinthians 1:20 (Living Bible)

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"*  
Hebrews 13:8

## Praise Prayer

I praise and thank you Lord that you are faithful to Your promises – and I am so thankful that Jesus was always part of Your promise plan, coming to offer us salvation and eternal life. My times are in Your hands.

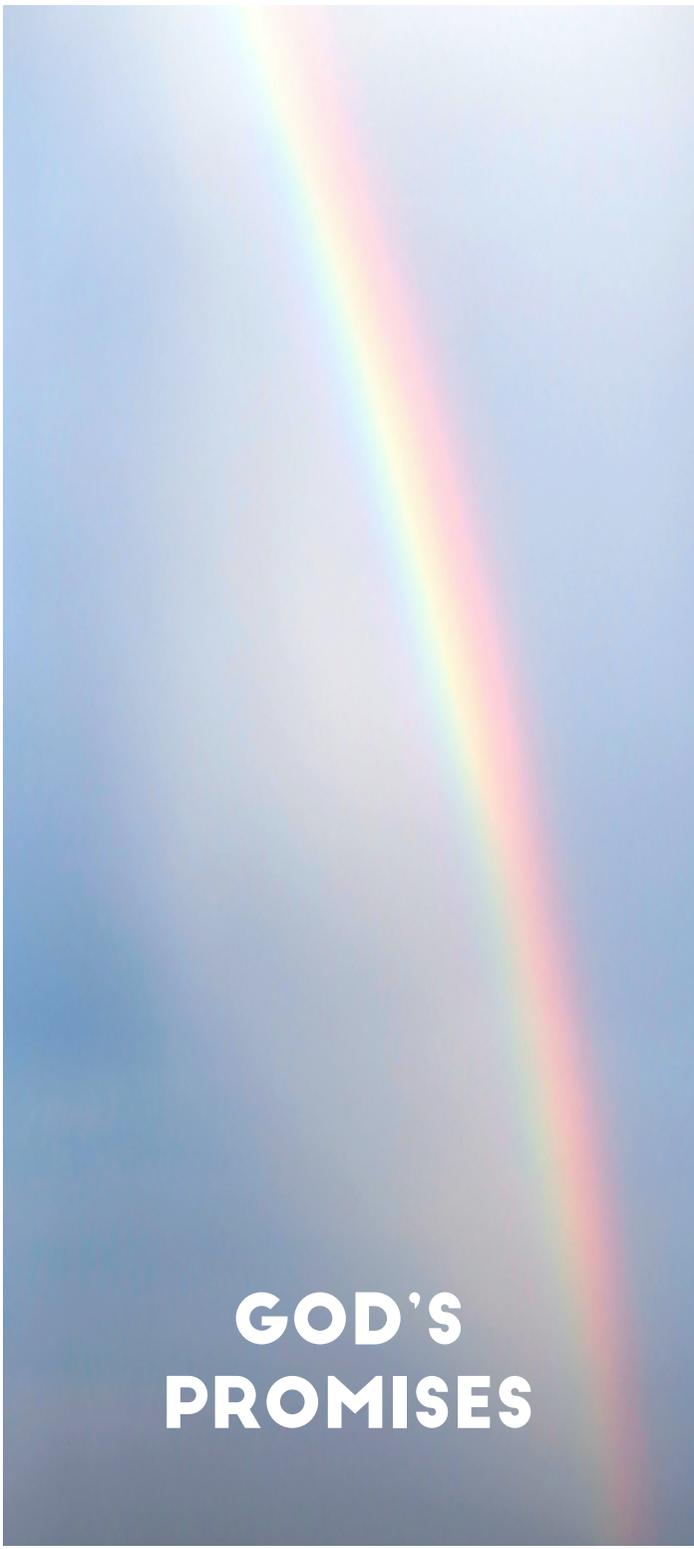
## Closing Scripture

*"What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do."*  
Isaiah 46:11

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