



## 5 Promises

### THAT WILL NEVER BE BROKEN

Someone once said that promises are made to be broken. Sadly, we live in a society where many people believe this is true.

Some break their vow to love and honor their spouse until death. Others break their promise to pay for receiving a service or product. Some fail to meet someone at an agreed time and place. Many of us fail to keep our word to pray for someone who's shared a prayer request with us.

Sometimes people break promises intentionally. They agree to do something knowing full well they won't follow through. Others do it accidentally. A couple of years ago, one of my grandsons reminded me about a toy watch I'd bought him several years prior. "It broke, Grandma, and you said you'd buy me a new one, but you never did." Seriously, I had no recollection of saying such a thing, but I trust his memory more than mine. To say I was mortified is an understatement.

No matter what anyone says, promises are not made to be broken. They're made to keep. That's the point, right? The definition of a promise is "a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen."

We've all been on the receiving end of a broken promise. We've felt the disappointment or sting. We've asked ourselves the question, "Should I ask this person for an explanation, or should I just let it go?" Depending on the nature and circumstances of the promise broken, we may have enjoyed a hearty laugh or wrestled with anger and unforgiveness.

People break promises all the time. Know it will happen. But know this—God always keeps His word.

Psalm 12:6 says, "The Lord's promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over." Sometimes those promises don't happen as soon as we wish. When they finally come to pass, they might look different than we'd hoped. They might come with a condition that we have to fulfill first.

Regardless, God will never make a promise and then forget to honor it. He'll never commit to doing something and then procrastinate or fail to follow through. God always keeps His word. Here are five promises on which we can rely with certainty when facing uncertainty.

- "...Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20 NIV)

We are not alone even when we feel lonely because God's presence goes with us everywhere, day and night.



- “And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.” (Romans 8:26 NLT)

What a relief to know the Holy Spirit covers our concerns when we haven’t got a clue how to put them into words.

- “No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.” (Romans 8:37 NLT)

The One who conquered death works in us to conquer all things that stand against us.

- “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27 NLT)

Jesus has provided a gift that money can’t buy, and He even gives instructions so we can maximize it. (Philippians 4:6-7)

- “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” (Revelation 21:4 NLT)

Heaven. I can only imagine.

God will always keep these promises. Which one is most relevant to you today?

