

A Treasure Chest

A TREASURE CHEST

A small collection
of
Bible promises

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PREFACE

Do you realize there are treasures waiting for you to claim? They are the promises of God for his children. This little booklet lists only a few of the thousands recorded in the Bible. How do you claim them?

1. Find them
2. Believe them
3. Ask God for them
4. Thank God for them.

If you are skeptical about these treasures really being for you check out the references below:

Added Assurance:

Acts 2:30
2 Corinthians 1:19-20
2 Corinthians 7:1
Hebrews 6:12

PROMISES

A promise is a priceless treasure;

A beautiful and precious token;

But given out by careless hands
Is easily dropped and broken.

But when they're given out by God there's a timeless guarantee.

They never will be shattered through all eternity.

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Note:

Symbols used to denote Bible versions:

KJ King James

RSV Revised Standard Version

NIV New International Version

LB Living Bible

ML Modern Language

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TREASURE # 1

COMING AND GOING

THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER YOUR COMING AND GOING
BOTH NOW AND FOREVER MORE.

Psalm 121:8 NIV

Isn't this a wonderful promise?

I'm especially thankful for it since my driving skills are not the best. I also think of this promise when I travel by air. This promise also has an added benefit in saying it is good now and forever more. I don't need to ask God to renew it each time I start out but I need to thank him every time. I can even feel his watch care over me when I take a walk. He seems to keep the unruly feet and legs doing their work as well as they can. I call this promise a real treasure to hold on to.

Added Assurance:

Genesis 31:49

Psalm 32:8

SONG: His Eye is on the Sparrow

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TREASURE #2

IMPOSSIBILITIES

FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

Luke 1:37 NIV

This promise is too big for my poor mind to comprehend, yet I know it is true not only in Bible times but also today. I can vouch that God is still in the "impossible" business.

You parted the waters of the sea, making a path dry as could be.
IMPOSSIBLE!

You helped David, just a boy kill a giant with his toy.
IMPOSSIBLE!

You choose Mary to conceive your own son. Can you believe? IMPOSSIBLE!

When he died on the cross, his life seemed total loss but he arose. IMPOSSIBLE!

If we have faith and ask, God still does the impossible tasks, when needed today. IT'S POSSIBLE!

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TREASURE #3

ADVANCED YEARS

EVEN TO YOUR OLD AGE AND GRAY HAIRS, I AM HE WHO
WILL SUSTAIN YOU.

Isaiah 46:4 NIV

There are days I wonder about my future. Will I be in a wheel chair, a hospital bed, a nursing home or a hospice?

Wait! How can I forget that God has promised to sustain me even in old age. My times and conditions are in his hands. He will carry me through whatever is ahead for me.

So I must not fret or worry, I must just trust and thank him each day for this blessed promise. Remembering brings me peace of mind and contentment.

Added Assurance:

Psalm 23:4

Psalm 90:10,12

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TREASURE # 4

MOURNING

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

Matthew 5:4

God knew how much we needed this promise when he had Jesus tell us in his Sermon on the Mount. He knew death of family or friends would touch each one of us.

It is never easy to see someone leave us even if we know it is for the best many times. There is a void in our lives--an empty spot which fills with tears not once but over and over.

This is when God steps in with his blessing--putting his arms around us, wiping our tears and comforting us. He also sends family and friends to help us.

I know this promise is true. I have personally experienced it.

Added Assurance:

Jeremiah 31:13b

Ecclesiastes 3:4

Isaiah 61:1-3

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TREASURE # 5

HEAVENLY HOME

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY MANSIONS; IF IT WERE NOT SO I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU AND IF I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE, I WILL COME AGAIN AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF THAT WHERE I AM YOU MAY BE ALSO.

John 14:2-3 KJ

What a promise! A home all ready and waiting for us to move into. No real estate agents to deal with, no loans to negotiate, no rental or house payments, no repair bills, no moving vans and not a disagreeable neighbor in sight.

A host of family and friends will greet us. Our questions will be answered. We will enjoy unbelievable beauty, music, new friends, challenges and opportunities.

To be sure I can claim this promise I will:

- A. Accept Jesus,
- B. Believe he died for me
- C. Confess my sins.

Added Assurance:

John 3:16

Philippians 3:20-21

1 Corinthians 15

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TREASURE #6

OUR NEEDS ARE KNOWN

YOUR FATHER ALREADY KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM.

Matthew 6:8 GN

Before we ask, he knows my needs?

This is hard to believe but I know it is true.

As I look back over my life, I can see many ways in which God met a need before I was hardly aware of wanting it. There are people he has brought into my life, inspirational times, church work opportunities and even hard lessons.

However, topping the list is his son, Jesus who died for me. I never asked for that, but I surely needed it. Then there is the Holy Spirit who just keeps teaching, prodding and helping me every day. I need that very much and God knew it.

This promise is a rare treasure we will find no other place in the world.

Added Assurance:

Psalm 23:1

Philippians 4:19

Psalm 139:1-4

Isaiah 65:24

TREASURE # 7

FORGIVENESS

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD, HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISE AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. HE WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL WRONG DOING.

1 John 1:9 GN

So we must confess our sins to get God's forgiveness. That's hard! I hate so much to admit I did wrong. I like to have people believe I'm a good person. I like to give the impression I am strong and always do what's right.

But the truth is: I'm a sinner. I need forgiveness. And sometimes after I ask for forgiveness I turn right around and do it again. I can see the sins of others easier than my own. And I find it hard to forgive them, one time, let alone seventy times seven.

I'm so happy for this promise and I want to cling to it tightly.

Added Assurance:

I John 1:8

Matthew 6:13

Psalms 103:3

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TREASURE # 8

SEASONS

AS LONG AS THE EARTH ENDURES, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT, SUMMER AND WINTER, DAY AND NIGHT WILL NEVER CEASE.

Genesis 8:22 NIV

We can depend on God to regulate this earth as long as it exists. The seasons may vary somewhat from year to year. Global warming may be a fact. El Nino may disrupt the weather. But the basic rhythm set up when God created the earth is still going on.

I wonder if God gets tired of hearing our petty complaints about the day-to-day weather. It's much like the way we concentrate on the tiny dark speck on a white sheet of paper. We forget to be thankful for the overall plan that keeps our globe operating.

Added Assurance:

Psalm 24:1

Matthew 11:25

Genesis 1:1

TREASURE # 9

GOOD IN ALL THINGS

AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

Romans 8:28 NIV

This is a hard promise to hold on to. Can there be anything good in the fact that I have a roof leak causing severe damage to my living room ceiling? Could the loss of my husband's job have any good in it? Can the loss of kidney function have any blessings for my nephew?

As I ponder these things I am reminded of Joni Eareckson Tada has turned a crippling accident into a blessing for thousands. Also in a smaller way how my Ralph found a better, more satisfying job.

If I am going to claim this promise I must cast aside my own doubts and look for God's hand in the situation.

Added Assurance:

Mark 8:31
James 1:2-4
2 Corinthians 1:2-5
Genesis 50: 15-21

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TREASURE # 10

GIVING

GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU. A GOOD MEASURE PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER AND RUNNING OVER, WILL BE POURED INTO YOUR LAP.

Luke 6:38 NIV

Isn't this promise exciting? We give to God a little something of ourselves (time, love, service, money etc.) and then something happens. Not because we want it or deserve it, but due to the fact that God likes to surprise us, He pours a big blessing right into our laps. Don't you like the descriptive words-shaken together and pressed down? It reminds me of putting brown sugar into a cup for a recipe. You get so much more in if you press it down.

We usually don't ask for this promise but we remember it when the blessing hits our laps. And we thank God for his blessings.

Added Assurance:

2 Corinthians 9:7

Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 22:9

TREASURE # 11

FEAR

DO NOT FEAR. 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 NIV

Of what am I afraid? Is it being attacked by a criminal; driving in heavy traffic; a violent storm; a long illness; failure in work or loss of mental or physical functions? Surely these are all serious hazards.

But when I let fear enter my life and thoughts, I have most certainly forgotten one of God's most important promises. He is with me, helping me and upholding me and reaching out his hand. I must grasp it and let him take care of me.

Added Assurance:

Psalm 23:4

Hebrews 13:6 2

Timothy 1:7

Psalm 46

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TREASURE # 12

GOD FIRST

SEEK YE FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

Matt 6:33 NIV

Seek God on the first day of the week.

Seek him before each day's work begins.

Seek him first before you start to eat.

Seek him before you start a trip.

Seek him before you start a project.

Seek him before your meeting starts.

Seek him before you vote.

Seek him when facing a hard issue.

(I have friends who vouch that things really do go better when we remember this promise.)

Added Assurance:

Psalm 105:4

Isaiah 40:31

1 Chronicles 16:11

TREASURE # 13

STRENGTH

I CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

Philippians 4:13 RSV

"You don't have the strength?
Oh yes you do, if you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior and if you are availing yourself of what he offers through His Spiritwe must not pray for life to be easier, but for God to make us stronger. We must not pray for tasks equal to our might, but for God given might equal to our tasks. It is electrifying to understand that we have strength outside ourselves."

--Quoting Donald D. Anderson Senior's Devotional Bible page 1511

Mr. Anderson explains this promise much better than I.

Added Assurance:

2 Timothy 1:7

Psalm 18:32

2 Corinthians 12:10

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TREASURE # 14

NEAR TO GOD

DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU.

James 4:8 RSV

I really want to be near to God and know he is near to me. Why? He's my help, my strength, my guide, my friend, --my list could go on and on.

How can I draw near to him? The above verse says I must wash my hands and purify my heart--in other words get rid of the sin that separates me from God.

I want to be near enough so I can talk to him and him to me. I want his help as I work and when I am with others. I need his wisdom when I make decisions. It seems as if I need him every minute of my day and night.

So this promise is one I really value and want to hold on to.

Added Assurance:

Song: DRAW ME NEARER

Psalm 63:8

Romans 8:38-39

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TREASURE # 15

OUR CHILDREN

ALL THY CHILDREN SHALL BE TAUGHT BY THE LORD AND GREAT
SHALL BE THE PEACE OF THY CHILDREN.

Isaiah 54:13 KJ

Isn't this a wonderful promise? Everyone who has children and grand-children is concerned about their lives. We want them to have the joy of knowing and loving God. Sometimes it seems we have failed to help them do this. Should we give up? Never!

If we claim this promise and ask God to fulfill it, somehow, someday, some time, it will happen. God may decide to send someone else to them with his message, instead of us. He may have delayed teaching them until the time is just right. His ways are not our ways but they are always right and good.

Added Assurance:

Psalms 144:12

Psalms 145:4

Genesis 17: 6-7

Proverb 22:6

Proverb 17:6

TREASURE # 16

GOD'S PLAN

"FOR I KNOW THE PLAN I HAVE FOR YOU", DECLARES THE LORD.
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO
GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."

Jeremiah 29:11

What a great promise! Can it really be true that He has something for me to do now here on earth as well as in heaven? And He promises it won't harm me but will prosper, give hope and a future.

God's plan for Paul turned his life completely around after that day when he knocked him down and blinded him. Of course He won't do that to you or me, but He has some way to get our attention. I'm sure He will match the plan to the person. Probably I am destined to comfort, cheer, give help, write notes, pray and serve in some way. I must try to listen and act on the impulses he gives me.

Added Assurance:

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalm 90:17

John 6:28

Ephesians 2:10

TREASURE # 17

GOD'S WORD

SO MY WORD WHICH GOES OUT FROM MY MOUTH WILL NOT RETURN TO ME EMPTY BUT WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I DESIRE AND ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS SENT.

Isaiah 55:11

God compares his word to rain that waters the earth. It is absorbed and brings growth and eventually new seed.

I know that reading and studying God's word brings life and growth to me. But do I produce seed that will in turn bring more life and growth to God's Kingdom? Not by myself.

But I need to be a vessel that carries the word to others. I can give Bibles to those who do not have them. I can use scripture to explain God to others. A verse on my stationery may catch the eye of someone. God can use me to help carry out this promise.

Added Assurance:

Psalm 119:11

Deuteronomy 8:3

John 1:1

Deuteronomy 32: 2

TREASURE # 18

GETTING AND GIVING

FROM EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN MUCH, MUCH WILL BE DEMANDED, AND FROM HIM WHO HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH MUCH, MUCH MORE WILL BE ASKED.

Luke 12:48

I'd better take special notice of this promise! Why? God has been very generous to me, not only in material blessings, but in love, forgiveness, mercy, family, friends, inspiration-Oh My! This list could fill pages.

As I think over this promise, I see He is demanding that I share all this with others, not hoard it. And I know this is right. I just pray that I keep my ears and eyes open as He suggests ways for me to claim this promise.

Added Assurance:

John 13:14

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Romans 12:13

1 Corinthians 13

TREASURE #: 19

ETERNAL LIFE

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THAT WHOSO EVER
BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING
LIFE.

John 3:16

EVERLASTING LIFE! What a promise!
No fear of death. No fear of eternity. All because we really and truly
believe in Jesus.

What does it mean to believe? I believe that the "Food Pyramid" is a
true and good way to help keep us healthy. But if I don't try to follow it--
that is actually take these foods into my body, what good is believing? In
the same way if I don't accept Jesus into my life and try to follow his
teachings, am I really believing?

Added Assurance:

John 17:3
1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
John 3:36
John 6:40

TREASURE # 20

ANGELS

FOR HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO
GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS.

Psalm 91:11

I never cease to be amazed at all the benefits which come with being a child of God. Some are reserved for us in heaven but many are available to us in this life, too.

Angels were involved in the life of Jesus many times but it is almost unbelievable that God would allow them to guard and serve us.

I'm not aware of ever seeing an angel but my father did when my sister died. The angel came with loving hands to take her to heaven just like in Luke 16:22. I'm sure I've had the help of angels when I have been driving or struggling to do some difficult task. I must continue to thank God for this promise.

Added Assurance:

Hebrews 1:14

Matthew 4:11

Luke 15:10

TREASURE # 21

HONOR PARENTS

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE
LONG IN THE LAND THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU.

Exodus 20:12

This is a commandment of God with a promise. My parents are gone but I can still honor them. I am beginning to realize how they put their Christian faith into their deeds, how they sacrificed for their children and taught us many things.

Jesus is our great example of one who honored his Father. He talked to Him and about him daily. He was obedient to His Father, even when it meant death.

I truly don't know if this promise means long life on this earth or in heaven since both places are given to us by the Father. I'd like to claim this promise for either place.

Added Assurance:

Ephesians 6:1-3

Colossians 3:20

Proverbs 13:1

TREASURE # 22

CHASING THE DEVIL

RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL RUN AWAY FROM YOU.

James 4:7 GN

The devil is such a nuisance in our lives. He tries to discourage us or lead us astray. So we need this promise about getting rid of him. He even bothered Jesus by tempting him. How did Jesus resist the devil? He used scripture. A good lesson for us.

Paul reminded us that we can use **good** to conquer **evil**. So here's another way to chase the devil.

A friend once told me that she is sure the devil hates religious songs. She said she plays records and sings when she is tempted.

So we must continue to resist him and God will help us chase him away.

Added assurance:

1 John 3:8

Luke 4

Romans 12:21

TREASURE # 23

ASHAMED

IF ANYONE IS ASHAMED OF ME AND MY WORDS IN THIS SINFUL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION, THE SON OF MAN WILL BE ASHAMED OF HIM WHEN HE COMES IN HIS HEAVENLY FATHER'S GLORY WITH THE HOLY ANGELS.

Mark 8:38-39

Is this a promise or a threat? Perhaps both. We need it to wake us up to the danger of denying Jesus as Peter did. Like Peter we think we would never do such a thing. Keeping silent when we should speak up can be a denial and I am guilty of that.

When we remember how much Jesus loves us and all he has done for us, it just doesn't make any sense to be ashamed of him. And he doesn't want to be ashamed of us when he presents us to his Father. So this is a good promise for us to take to heart.

Added Assurance:

1 John 2:28

Romans 1:16

2 Timothy 1:8

Matthew 10: 32-33

TREASURE # 24

TIRED AND WEARY

COME TO ME ALL WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST.

Matthew 11:28 NIV

I get tired and weary, not just physically but mentally and spiritually. I am not alone for Isaiah said even youth get exhausted. That's why this promise is so valuable.

If I just stop what I am doing, get quiet and tell God I need help and thank Him for sending new strength, in no time at all I am renewed. I like to read Isaiah 40:28-31. Will I really be able to soar like an eagle, run and not be weary or walk and faint not? It's possible! We must believe and accept.

Added Assurance:

Isaiah 30:15

Psalms 46:1

2 Corinthians 12:9

TREASURE # 25

ASK AND RECEIVE

YOU MAY ASK FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME AND I WILL DO IT.

John 14:14 NIV

"Anything, Lord?"

"Yes, anything--in my name."

"It must be in your name, Lord?"

"Yes."

"Well, I guess that means it should be something you approve of."

"How will I know if you approve of what I pray for?"

"Do you know the two great commandments?"

"Yes--love God and love my neighbors."

"Then I shouldn't pray for anything personal--not even asking that you forgive my sins?"

"Will forgiveness of those sins help you love God and your neighbor more?"

"I see your point, Lord. Thank you for this precious promise."

Added Assurance:

Matthew 18:20

Luke 10: 17

Colossians 3:17

James 5:14

TREASURE # 26

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

THE EFFECTIVE FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN
AVAILETH MUCH.

James 5:16 KJ

This promise is one I greatly desire but am not sure I can qualify as one who can claim it. Why? I am a sinner therefore am not righteous. I am not sure how to be effective and fervent in prayer.

There are men and women in the Bible who are excellent examples of this: Moses, Elijah, Hannah, and Esther, to name a few.

James, who recorded this promise, suggests we confess our sin before we pray. He also mentioned the need of faith and praying with others. We know also we may call on the Holy Spirit for help in prayer. I'm sure God means this promise to be ours.

Added Assurance:

James 5:17-18

Jude 20

2 Corinthians 7:1

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TREASURE # 27

REMEMBERING

THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING AND MAKE YOU REMEMBER ALL I HAVE SAID TO YOU.

John 14:26

This promise was made To disciples of old,
But I trust it's for all Who enter God's fold.
We need to be taught Also understand God's words and their
meaning And have them at hand. Whenever we need them
Be it day or at night So what comes from the mouth Is good in
God's sight So grant us this promise That it may be true;
And we'll ever be grateful Giving praises to you.

Amen

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TREASURE # 28

CALL FOR HELP

THE LORD WILL HEAR WHEN I CALL TO HIM.

Psalm 4:3b

I am a Senior and I live alone so I wear a call button which I can press for help if needed. God offers a "call service" which is much superior to mine.

He doesn't require any equipment or fees. He doesn't limit the area I must be in so the call can go through. He doesn't need a list of vital statistics and references which the other system requires. He doesn't need a vehicle to transport himself to me.

I really appreciate this promise of help when I am in trouble not just physically but spiritually, too. And you don't have to be a senior to get it all free.

Added Assurance:

Psalm 50:15

Romans 10:12-13

Hebrews 13:5

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MORE PROMISES

(Use this space to record more promises)