



GOD'S

Promises

FOR YOU

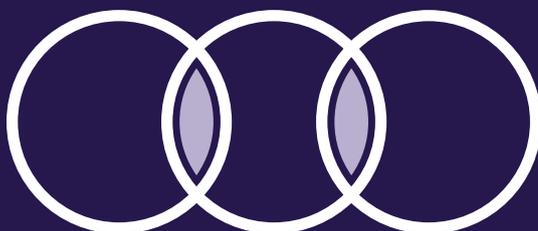
**A SELECTION OF PROMISES
TAKEN FROM GOD'S WORD**

1. IDENTITY issues can sometimes reflect a low self-image or an unhealthy dependence upon others for our self-worth. A few of the many scriptural encouragements include:

Colossians 2:10	I am made complete in Christ;
John 3:16	I am loved by God;
Romans 8:1	I am free from guilt and condemnation;
2 Corinthians 5:21	I am in right-standing with God;
Ephesians 2:5	I am made alive with Christ;
1 Corinthians 2:16	I have the mind of Christ; and
Hebrews 4:16	I have access to the Father.

2. HOLINESS can be minimised if we overemphasise grace. It can be helpful to remind ourselves of the lifestyle and choices God has called us to so that we inspire others to imitate us as we imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1):

1 Corinthians 6:19	I am the temple of the Holy Spirit;
1 Peter 1:16	I am called to be holy as the Lord is also holy;
Romans 6:12	I am called to refuse to let sin reign in me; and
Galatians 5:16	I can walk in the Spirit to overcome the flesh.





3. HEALING is often needed in different forms by ourselves or others and can help draw people closer to God. Sickness is often a distraction from serving God for Christians, too. Although we don't demand healing, it is provided through the Cross where salvation is offered for the whole person and not just spiritually:

1 Peter 2:24
Matthew 8:17

I am healed because of Jesus' sacrifice;
Jesus bore all my infirmities and diseases;

Matthew 17:20

If I believe, nothing shall be impossible;;

John 16:23
Hebrews 10:23
James 5:16

God grants what I ask in Jesus' name;
God who has promised is faithful; and
My prayers are powerful and effective because I am in right- standing with God.

4. FORGIVENESS is often hard to accept when our emotions are caught up with past wrongdoing. Even though guilt has been dealt with at the Cross, we can feel shame but need to adopt a position of faith that transcends our feelings:

1 John 1:9
Colossians 3:13

I am cleansed when I confess my sin;
I am forgiven and therefore can forgive others; and

Colossians 1:14

I am forgiven through Jesus.

5. WORRY is effectively meditation on problems that needs to be replaced by meditation on the Word of God and its solutions (Joshua 1:8) and this may need to add specific and targeted verses to the general encouragement regarding anxiety:

Philippians 4:6	I have no need of anxiety;
2 Timothy 1:7	I do not have a spirit of fear but of love, power and soundness of mind;
1 Peter 5:8	I can cast my worries on God who cares for me; and
Philippians 4:7	I can know the peace of God guarding my heart and mind.

6. VICTORY is assured through the Cross, but this doesn't mean we get breakthrough in our timing or in our preferred way and it doesn't mean success is defined according to our own ideals. However, discouragement often sets in when circumstances loom large and we need to remind ourselves of the authority we have to proactively address problems and not yield to them:

James 4:7	I can resist the devil and know that he will flee;
Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me;
Luke 10:19	I have authority over the devil;
2 Thessalonians 3:3	I am protected from the devil; and
2 Corinthians 10:5	I can take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ.





7. CALLING is from God and we need to know and pursue His will:

2 Timothy 1:9

I am called by God;

Ephesians 1:4

I have been chosen by God;

2 Peter 3:9

God does not want my friends or family to perish;

Romans 6:11

I am dead to sin and alive to God;

1 Peter 1:23

I am God's child; and

Romans 5:10

I am reconciled to God.

8. PROVISION is part of God's blessing. This cannot be selfishly expected to service our own desires (James 4:3), but God nevertheless wants to provide for us financially and to look after us, assuming that we are honouring Him with faithful Christian living:

Galatians 3:29

I have inherited the promises of God;

Philippians 4:19

My God shall supply my every need;

1 Timothy 6:17

God richly provides for my enjoyment;

Romans 8:37

I am an heir with Christ;

Ephesians 1:3

I am blessed by God; and

Hebrews 13:5

I am never forsaken by God.

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