

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

A person with a backpack stands on a mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys.

God Keeps His Promises

Good News... God Has Fulfilled His Promise!

Acts 13: 32-37_{NIV}

³² “We tell you **the good news: What God promised** our ancestors ³³ **he has fulfilled for us**, their children, **by raising up Jesus**. As it is written in the second Psalm: “‘You are my son; today I have become your father.’

³⁴ God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’ ³⁵ So it is also stated elsewhere: “‘**You will not let your holy one see decay.**’

³⁶ “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷ **But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.**

His Character

Numbers 23:19 NLT

¹⁹ “God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?”

Malachi 3:6 NLT

⁶ “I am the LORD, and I do not change...”

1 Samuel 15:29 NLT

²⁹ “And he who is the Glory of Israel will not lie, nor will he change his mind, for he is not human that he should change his mind!”

His Word

Isaiah 55: 10-11 NIV

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Mathew 24:25 NKJV

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

His Power

Isaiah 40: 12, 22, 25-26 NLT “The LORD Has No Equal”

¹² Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?

²² God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes his tent from them.

²⁵ “To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?” asks the Holy One.

²⁶ Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. **Because of his great power and incomparable strength**, not a single one is missing.

His Love

“Nothing God ever does, or ever did, or ever will do, is separate from the love of God.” – A.W. TOZER

Romans 8: 31-32 NKJV

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Our Faith

Hebrews 11: 1,6,11 NLT

¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see...

⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him **must believe that God exists** and that **he rewards** those who sincerely seek him.

¹¹ It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. **She believed that God would keep his promise.**

Our Confessions

Hebrews 10:22-23_{NKJV}

²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast **the confession of *our* hope** without wavering, for **He who promised *is* faithful**.

Our Obedience

James 1:25 NLT

²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, **then God will bless you for doing it.**

Luke 5: 5-7 NLT

⁵ "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

"Obedience is the key that opens every door." -C.S. Lewis

Wait Patiently...

Hebrews 6:13-15 NLT

¹³ For example, there was God's promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying: ¹⁴ "I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number."¹⁵ Then Abraham **waited patiently, and he received what God had promised.**

...In Hope

Hebrews 6:16-19 NLT

¹⁶ Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. ¹⁷ God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. ¹⁸ **So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.** Therefore, **we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.** ¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.

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