

God's promises for those who obey Him

1. Promised Blessing if we Keep Holy the 24 hour 7th day Sabbath

¹³ **"If you keep** your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

¹⁴ **then you will find your joy in the LORD,** and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

-Isaiah 58:13-14

2. Promised Blessing when we pay a faithful Tithe to God

⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ **Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,** that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty,** "and **see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.** ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

-Malachi 3:8-12

***Note:** God wants us to test his promises. We need to have an experiential knowledge of God, not a theoretical knowledge of God. We should know surely that God lives and works together with us for our salvation. He truly blesses his people and keeps all of His promises. He says, "My covenant will I not break, nor*

alter [change] the thing that is gone out of my lips” (Psalm 89:34). “...God, who cannot lie, promised...” (Titus 1:2). He does not lie or change his words.

3. Promise that we need not ever fear to obey Him

¹⁰ 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

4. Promise that He will be responsible to take care of all our needs when we faithfully obey Him

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not much more valuable than they?** ²⁷**Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life** ^[b]?

²⁸“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰**If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?** ³¹**So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'** ³²**For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.** ³³**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.** ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

-Matthew 6:25-34

5. Promise that faith will die without works, but faith with works is lively and vibrant!

²⁶As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

-James 2:26

6. Promise that we will have blessed Christian fellowship when we obey and live by all of God's truth

⁷But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

-1 John 1:7

Note: When we are not all walking in the light of God's truth, it hurts our fellowship with one another. Sin is like a cancer. It separates us from God and from each other. When Christians obey all of God's truth, they know they are "walking in" and obeying the same Holy Truths of God's word. This makes their fellowship and friendship in God beautiful and close. But, when there is known and open sin in a professed Christian's life it destroys fellowship with each other. There is not the same kind of brotherhood. There is not the same rejoicing together in the truth...because someone is knowingly living in disobedience to God. If we are in known disobedience to God then there is no safe or blessed fellowship with God or each other. Open sin is rebellion against God and it severs any closeness that Christian brothers might have together. This is because our hearts cannot rejoice together in the truth if a brother is not living by the truth. We are to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul! And Jesus said, "If you love, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). If we have not that common love for God, then we have not that true and sweet fellowship together in God. *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).* Rather, we would have concern for another's salvation. Sin is no light thing. It was sin that caused Jesus to be nailed harshly to the cross. *"And to him who knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).* If we then continue in sin, knowing the truth, we will have no salvation in Jesus Christ. *"²⁶If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left..." (Hebrews 10:26).*

7. We must act on the truth, and receive cleansing from God. He promises to cleanse us and give us Joy when we obey.

⁹**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

-1 John 1:9

¹³ He who conceals his sins does not prosper,
but **whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.**

-Proverbs 28:13

³⁵Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. **Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.** The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going.

-John 12:35

⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. **He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

-2 Peter 3:9

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰**If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love,** just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**

-John 15:9-11