

22 Unconditional New Testament Promises

Joshua 21:45 HCSB None of the good promises the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed. Everything was fulfilled.

1. God's Demands Will Not Be Burdensome.

- Matthew 11:30 HCSB For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Note: There are some persons who would say it is difficult to be a true follower of Jesus Christ or God. But this is not the testimony of Jesus. He boldly states that life, when lived in accordance with God's will, is easy and light (cp. 1 Jn. 5:3). It is not hard to obey God. His rules for us are not unrealistic. They are just the opposite – realistic, practical and very achievable. It is self-made expectations or man-made regulations that place a strain on us and rob us of God's rest. When Jesus is followed, there will be an abundance of rest and fulfillment (cp. He. 3:7-4:13).

2. Amazing Things Will Become Possible.

- Matthew 19:26 HCSB But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Note: Everyone who truly wants to receive eternal life can receive it, says Jesus. But the success of getting it does not rest within our own abilities. Rather, it rests in God's grace toward each of us. Here we learn that no obstacle to salvation is so big that God's love and power are not still greater. No one can offer an excuse for his condemnation, for God always stands ready to make a path possible so that anyone can be saved who really wants to be saved.

3. Jesus Is In Control

- Matthew 28:18 HCSB Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Note: Once Jesus was crucified, the disciples were crushed. No pain, sorrow or grief could match their desolation. Added to their trauma was the vexing mental torment of being terribly confused. Their dreams had been shattered. Their hopes had been turned to despair. And doubt was replacing faith in the life of some disciples.

How typical these responses are. When things do not proceed as we anticipate, we too often recoil or pout. We allow our circumstances to overwhelm us. We permit our eyes to be our guide, rather than the promises of Christ. This is precisely what happened to Jesus' disciples. Their hearts were grief-stricken and hopeless, because they were following their natural senses and not Christ's words. Jesus told them He would arise; they should have exercised more faith.

Then, just as dramatically as He had disappeared, Jesus suddenly appeared again with His disciples! The experience was almost too much for them to comprehend. Then Jesus began to teach them. His topic was "authority". Jesus wanted them to know that He was now the Commander-in-Chief of the universe. No one in either heaven or earth – holds a higher position of authority. Nothing is outside of His immediate control. Satan cannot act without His approval. Governments (including the Jewish Sanhedrin) cannot make a single decision without His permission. There is not a single event that can occur apart from His direct consent. All authority now belongs to Him.

Certainly this teaching was designed to encourage the disciples. Their work was far from being over. Actually, their work was only about to begin. And Jesus wanted them to know that they could perform their work in the confidence that He would be in charge of every movement in heaven and earth.

There can be no accidents in all of life. Events are either ordered or permitted, for Jesus is in full control. He holds the reigns of total authority. That should give each one of us a mountain of peace and confidence. We are on the winning side. Our Lord is invincible.

4. God is not partial, He will be just in His dealings.

- Acts 10:34 HCSB Then Peter began to speak: "In truth, I understand that God doesn't show favoritism,

5. There will be a day of reckoning.

- Romans 14:12 HCSB So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

6. We will be as free as we are close to the Spirit.

- 2 Corinthians 3:17 HCSB Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

7. God will use even our trials for our benefit.

- 2 Corinthians 7:10 HCSB For godly grief produces a repentance not to be regretted and leading to salvation, but worldly grief produces death.

8. We are now all equals before God.

- Colossians 3:11 HCSB Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

9. Even when we are faithless, God will remain faithful to His Word.

- 2 Timothy 2:13 HCSB if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

10. God cannot forget His own.

- 2 Timothy 2:19 HCSB Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, having this inscription: The Lord knows those who are His, and Everyone who names the name of the Lord must turn away from unrighteousness.

11. Jesus Christ will always be the same. We can count on Him.

- Hebrews 13:8 HCSB Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

12. If you are tempted to evil, rest assured it does not come from God.

- James 1:13 HCSB No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God." For God is not tempted by evil, and He Himself doesn't tempt anyone.

13. God is the source of every good thing in your life.

- James 1:17 HCSB Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights; with Him there is no variation or shadow cast by turning.

14. Jesus is firmly seated in the driver's seat. He has every bit of authority and power He needs to get things done.

- 1 Peter 3:22 HCSB Now that He has gone into heaven, He is at God's right hand, with angels, authorities, and powers subjected to Him.

15. God may not move at your schedule but He always will come through.

- 2 Peter 3:9 HCSB The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

16. Jesus is coming back.

- Revelation 1:7 HCSB Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, including those who pierced Him. And all the families of the earth will mourn over Him. This is certain. Amen.

17. The end of the story is...Jesus wins.

- Revelation 17:14 HCSB These will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with Him are called and elect and faithful."

18. Jesus is always in full control of the devil. He can shut him up whenever He pleases.

- Revelation 20:1-3 HCSB Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for 1,000 years. 3 He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the 1,000 years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.

19. God can even use the devil to get His will done. But when all is said and done, God will be on top.

- Revelation 20:7-10 HCSB When the 1,000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. 9 They came up over the surface of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven and consumed them. 10 The Devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

20. If you are in the Book of Life, you're in.

- Revelation 21:27 HCSB Nothing profane will ever enter it: no one who does what is vile or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.

21. We will get to serve God in Edenic circumstances like we were supposed to.

- Revelation 22:3 HCSB and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.

22. The good times will never end.

- Revelation 22:5 HCSB Night will no longer exist, and people will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.