

## **GOD'S PROMISES ARE STILL POWERFUL AND TRUE**

**GREETING:** Thank you for allowing Morning Manna to minister to you. Whether in the sanctuary, or watching via livestream/video, I want to express my appreciation to you for being with us. Our single purpose for this service is to encourage you to keep on, keeping on in your walk with the Lord.

**PRAYER –**

### **'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS**

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

### **(CHORUS)**

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

**2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**(CHORUS)**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!**

**3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking  
life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**(CHORUS)**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!**

## **TRUST AND OBEY**

**1. When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.**

### **(CHORUS)**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**2. Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.**

### **(CHORUS)**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**3. But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.**

**(CHORUS)**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**4. Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.**

**(CHORUS)**

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

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Your **hope** may be dead, but His promises are still true.  
Your **love** may be dead, but His promises are still true.  
Your **desire** may be dead, but His promises are still true.  
Your **dream** may be dead, but His promises are still true.

Here is an abbreviated list of just 10 Promises of God that will work for you.

- God promises to strengthen you. ...
- God promises to give you rest. ...
- God promises to take care of all your needs. ...
- God promises to answer your prayers. ...
- God promises to work everything out for your good. ...
- God promises to be with you. ...
- God promises to protect you. ...
- God promises freedom from sin.

Joshua 21:45 **“Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; every one of them was fulfilled.”**

In the book, All the Promises of the Bible, the author Herbert Locklear found 7,147 promises from God to man in the Bible.

## Listen to a few of the POWERFUL Promises of God:

- **God is always good.** — Psalm 119:68 “You are good and do good. Teach me your statutes.”
- **God is always with you** — Joshua 1:9 “This is my command-be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
- **God is faithful** — Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”
- **God is kind and compassionate** — Isaiah 54:10 “Though the mountains be shaken, and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love {kindness} for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”
- **God designed you for a purpose.** — Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
- **God loves you deeply, no matter what.** — Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor

depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- **God gives you power for your life** — 2 Timothy 1:7  
“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”
- **God’s presence brings joy** — Psalm 16:11 “You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”
- **God will fill you to overflowing with hope** — Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- **God will strengthen and help you** — Isaiah 41:10  
“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.”
- **God will give you wisdom** — James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

- **God promises you an abundant life** — “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
- **God has a plan for your life** — Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

**Introduction:** One of the foremost tactics of Satan is to try to persuade people that God's Word is too controlling and too vague. He began this lie in the Garden of Eden when he successfully tempted Adam and Eve to disregard God's instructions. All the human acts of disobedience to God's Law and will was birthed at Eden.

**Genesis 3:1-5 – 1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘you must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

**2** The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

**3** but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”



**4 “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.**

**5 “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

**Not only did Satan intend to separate Adam and Eve from God – he also wanted to break their communion with each other. While it is true that Satan tempted Eve to disbelieve God, Adam became complicit in the deception when he agreed with her and yielded to the temptation. Remember, it was Adam – the man – who received the command – not Eve.**

**Here's the Biblical text:**

**Genesis 2:7-18**

**<sup>7</sup> And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

**<sup>8</sup> And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

**<sup>9</sup> And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

**<sup>10</sup> And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.**

**<sup>11</sup> The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;**

**<sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.**

**<sup>13</sup> And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.**

**<sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.**

**<sup>15</sup> And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.**

**<sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:**

**<sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

**<sup>18</sup> And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.**

**Adam received God's instructions before Eve came on the scene. It was Adam's responsibility to make certain that Eve understood God's commandment.**

**Interestingly, all through human history people have thrown Eve under the bus because she yielded to Satan's temptation. Satan has been successful in separating the communion between man and woman because man has always been more interested in blaming someone else instead of accepting the responsibility that God put on him to be the spiritual leader in his marriage. Adam failed in his role as a spiritual leader.**

**Here's what Adam said about Eve:**

**Genesis 3:**

**<sup>8</sup> And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.**

**<sup>9</sup> And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?**

**<sup>10</sup> And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**

**11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?**

**12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.**

That act of blame shifting by Adam set into motion the nefarious plan of Satan to set the man and woman against each other and to dispute the commandment of God.

Adam's forfeiture of his responsibility and his readiness to blame Eve set humanity on a course of reckless blame shifting. This poisonous behavior still corrupts the communion between a man and his wife unless they are surrendered to God's will and authority in their lives.

I have taken the time to read these scriptures about the beginning of man's failure to follow God's commandments for a singular reason. I want you to understand that Satan's original goal has not changed nor have the promises and commandments of God changed.

I want you to understand that Satan's primary goal is to dissuade you from obeying God's Word – thus removing

yourself from the blessings and protection of God's promises.

But here's the glorious Truth that removes you from Satan's influence:

**John 7:36 – “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”**

How does that happen?

It happens because God intervened in the terrible trap that Satan set for humanity, and He thereby changed everything.

All of Satan's plans, stratagems, and sneaky tricks, fall helplessly to the ground because of Calvary. God sent His One and Only Son to remedy the crisis which occurred in the Garden of Eden. He made the Way when there was no way.

**John 3:16**

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

I urge you to re-establish your belief and trust in the promises of God. You may have tasted the forbidden fruit of Satan's lies but God can cleanse your life, purge

**your spiritual heart, and take the bitterness out of your mouth – if you will surrender to Him.**

**God's promises have not been overturned or withdrawn. You can trust Him to do for you what He declares in His Word that He will do.**

**Your victorious Christian life is a wonderful testimony to God's grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. It is proof that His Word is alive and effective.**

**Consider the following three actions of behavior**

- 1. Don't relegate your responsibility for a successful Christian life to someone else.**
- 2. Don't listen to the excuses and arguments which try to justify failure, and which birth a distrust in God's promises.**
- 3. Do regularly pray, read the Bible, and trust God's never failing promises.**

**I want to close by reading a powerful scripture that confirms the heart of my sermon today and assures us that the promises of God continue to be the most valuable Words we will ever hear.**

**Romans 5:17 - For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for**

**all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.**

**Closing song –**

**JESUS, USE ME**

Jesus, use me, oh Lord, don't refuse me,  
Surely there's a work that I can do.  
And, even though it's humble,  
Lord, help my will to crumble,  
Tho' the cost be great; I'll work for you.

**Closing comments and prayer**