

**AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Topic: God's Promises & Fulfillments
Text: Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 55:9-11

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Scripture Focus

[19] God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19 NIV

CASE STUDY. ABRAHAM. Genesis 12:1-5- promise, Genesis 15:2-6. Reassurance. Genesis 17:1, Genesis 18- Divine Visitation, Genesis 21. Fulfillment, Genesis 23.. Rest.

INTRODUCTION.

The Bible is an amazing record of God's promises. Our entire belief system is based on the promises of God and we can TRUST him to fulfill them all. However many believers miss out or lose focus on God and His promises, allowing it to slip away from their lives or neglect it. In this teaching we will be looking at God's promises- His written word-Bible, the word of knowledge, wisdom or prophecies spoken by the leading of The Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 and the assurance of the fulfillment of his promises.

KNOW THE PROMISE KEEPER (Numbers 23:19)

Character/Attributes of God:

- **Omnipotence** means all-powerful. This means God can do what he wants. It means he is not subject to physical limitations like man is. *Isaiah 55:11, Jeremiah 32:17*
- **Omnipresence** means that He is present everywhere, all the time. *Colossians 1:17, Psalm 139:7,*
- **Omnibenevolence** means all-loving. God proved this by sacrificing his only son, Jesus. *John 3:16*
- **Omniscience** means God is all-knowing. This means God knows everything. *1 John 3:20.*

WHAT ARE THE PROMISES OF GOD? (2 Peter 1: 4 NIV)

Definition of PROMISE:

- Assure someone that one will definitely do, give, or arrange something; undertake or declare that something will happen.. (b) Give good grounds for expecting a particular occurrence or situation.

FULFILLMENT is the achievement of something desired, promised, or predicted.

Any promise made by God to His children is **the 'receipt' the proof of what has been paid for by Jesus.** It indicates two things: (a) it reveals God's perfect will, direction and desire for them *Jeremiah 29:11.*

(b) it shows that they should put on the whole armor of God and begin to fight to have the promise *Ephesians 6:13.* Many have been robbed of every valuable promise and blessing in the past because they thought if God had promised them anything, it would automatically be fulfilled whether they do something about it or not. This is a deception of the enemy.

There are two kinds—**unconditional and conditional promises.** Fulfillment of an unconditional promise rests solely with the Lord. *Genesis 9:11, Isaiah 43:2, Exo 14:14, John 16:33, James 1:2-3.* Fulfillment of conditional promises depends on certain requirements being met. In the Bible, these promises have the word 'if and then" *Isaiah 1:19, Deuteronomy 28 v 1-15 Romans 8:28, Exodus 20:12*

WHAT ACTIVATES THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES? Romans 4: 17-22

FAITH: Faith is complete trust or confidence in God. It is not a wish. Faith is you coming to a place where God's Word is more real to you than anything you can see, taste, hear, smell, or feel. In other

words, the value of one's faith does not come from the one who expresses it but from the person in which it rests. *Matthew 17:20-21, Mark 5:34, Luke 17:19, Romans 4:20, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6, Hebrews 11:1 TPT: Now faith brings our hopes into reality and becomes the foundation needed to acquire the things we long for. It is all the evidence required to prove what is still unseen.*

With Faith in Our Heart We Can:

1. Pray: *John 14:13-14, Mark 11:23-24, Luke 18:1, James 5:15-18*
2. Have the ability to patiently wait for the fulfillment, God is the only one that knows the Time for the fulfillment of every promise, we need patience to inherit the promise. **Hebrews 10:36, Hebrews 6:12, Roman 8:25**
3. Focus on God and not the prevailing circumstances. *Hebrews 12:2, Genesis 17:1, Matthew 14:28-31, Genesis 50:20 (Joseph), Hebrews 11:26*
4. Remain in right standing with God until the promises materialize. *Psalms 59:16, Hebrews 11:4,*
5. Speak positively about the situation. *Mark 11:23-24*

Question: Have you experienced the fulfillment of God's promises in any certain area of your life?

CONDITIONS THAT ROB YOU OF FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES IN YOUR LIFE

1. **Doubt:** This is wavering between two minds or lacking confidence, assurance, or complete trust in God. It is a deviation from the truth about God in thought or deeds. James says double-minded' can expect to receive nothing when they pray. *James 1: 6-8, Mathew 11:3, Luke 24:38*
2. **Unbelief:** This is a conclusion someone reaches—a deliberate decision to live life as if there is no God. The difference between doubt and unbelief is like temptation and sin. Unbelief is doubt in action. *Hebrews 3:12, 16-19, 4:1-2, Titus 1:15-16, Gen 15,17*
3. **Fear: False evidence appearing real** *1 John 4:18, Proverbs 29:25, Matthew 14:30-33 Exodus.3: 11-12.* You have 365 "Fear not" in the Bible. Use one every day.
4. **Anxiety, Worry, Murmuring.** *Philippians 4:5-6, Luke 12:25, Exodus 16:2-15*
5. **Impatience:** This has its roots in frustration. It's a feeling of rising stress that starts when you feel that your needs and wishes are being ignored. *Colossians 3:12-13*
6. **Negative confessions.** *Numbers 14:26-31, 1 Kings 18:41-45. Proverbs 18:21*

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE

We must know that the season of waiting is the season of Training.

1. Cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit and with the word of God. *2 Timothy 2:15, John 14:16, Luke 10:42.*
2. Stay in Prayer and submit to God, resist sin. *James 4:7, Genesis 18:1-10*
3. Stay in Praise and thanksgiving. *Psalms 100*
4. Keep Godly company and stay in the church. Mary and Elizabeth *Luke 1:39-41*
5. Celebrate and Rejoice others that have what you are asking for. *Romans 12:15*
6. Live your life.' Don't allow what you don't have to stop you from enjoying what you have

CONCLUSION God's promise does not expire (Isaiah 55:11). He delights in fulfilling His promises to us. HE is eager to bless us. *Psalms 23:1.* The fulfillment of these promises also depends on you too. Your faith is important; CONTINUE TO PRAISE Him because he is faithful and true.