

Standing Firm on God's Unchanging Promises

Introduction

As we begin this new year, we are reminded of the endless possibilities before us. However, in as much as we are hopeful of the fulfillment of the possibilities, it's easy to feel uncertain about the future because we live in a world where change is constant.

But as followers of Christ, we can stand firm on the rock-solid foundation of God's unchanging promises. Today, let's explore how these promises can anchor our hearts and minds.

God's Promises in Scripture

The Bible overflows with declarations of God's love, faithfulness, and provision. The first recorded promise is found in Genesis 3:15 –a prophecy which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Genesis 3:15:

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

This is a profound prophecy of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, who would ultimately triumph over Satan and sin. As 2025 unfolds, we are reminded that although challenges exist, victory is already ours through Christ and we can trust that victory is already secured through Him.

Romans 16:20 TPT

And the God of peace will swiftly pound Satan to a pulp under your feet! And the wonderful favor of our Lord Jesus will surround you.

Colossians 2:15 says, "And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

Jesus' death and resurrection disarmed the spiritual forces of evil, rendering them powerless against believers.

The Nature of God's Promises

Unlike human promises, which can fail, God's promises are grounded in His unchanging nature. His promises remain a solid foundation and they assures us of His faithfulness, love, and guidance.

As Hebrews 6:18 says, God cannot lie. His promises provide a firm foundation for our faith.

Hebrews 6:18

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.

God's Good Plans for Us

Jeremiah 29:11 and Romans 8:28 assure us that God's plans are for our good.

Regardless of trials, He is working behind the scenes for our ultimate benefit. This reminds us to trust His sovereignty in every circumstance.

Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Romans 8:28:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

God's Peace and Guidance

Philippians 4:6 encourages us to approach God in prayer, releasing our anxieties and trusting His peace to guard our hearts.

Don't let fear hold you back from receiving God's promises in 2025.

Philippians 4:6-7

[6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

"Every fear is a misunderstanding of who God is and what He's promised." Rick Warren

Similarly, Proverbs 3:5-6 urges us to trust, rely, acknowledge and depend on Him for direction, knowing He will make our paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 AMP

[5] Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart And do not rely on your

own insight or understanding. [6] In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, And He will make your paths straight and smooth [removing obstacles that block your way].

God's Eternal Covenant

On December 29, 2024 at around 7.30pm, while having dinner with my family, sitting at the backyard of our house, reflecting on the coming year. we witnessed a beautiful rainbow.



This profound moment reminded me of
God's covenant with Noah in

Genesis 9:13-17 NLT

*[13] I have placed my rainbow in the
clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with
you and with all the earth. [14] When I send*

clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, [15] and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. [16] When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” [17] Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.”

The rainbow in Genesis 9:13-17 is a vivid reminder of God's eternal covenant. It symbolizes His unwavering faithfulness, encouraging us to trust Him in 2025 and beyond. This rainbow reminded us that we should focus on God's promises and trust in His unshakable faithfulness throughout the year.

Practical Applications

1. Trust God Daily

Choose to trust God with your plans, and uncertainties. Reflect on His promises at all times.

Psalms 62:8

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

2. Live Courageously

Joshua 1:9 encourages us to be strong and courageous. Take bold steps of faith, knowing God is 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."

3. Share God's Love

Be a vessel of God's promises to others by offering encouragement, sharing the gospel, and helping those in need.

Matthew 5:16

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

4. Focus on Eternity

Living with an eternal perspective fuels your daily actions and decisions.

Colossians 3:1-2

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above,

where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Prayer Points

1. Thanksgiving for God's Promises

"Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your unchanging nature and the assurance of Your promises. Your Word never fails, and Your faithfulness endures through all generations (Psalm 100:5). I praise You for being my refuge and strength, a present help in every season of my life (Psalm 46:1). Thank You for the promises that sustain me and remind me that all Your plans for me are for good and not for harm (Jeremiah 29:11). I stand in gratitude,

knowing that You are a covenant-keeping God."

2. Strength and Courage

"Lord, empower me with boldness to face every challenge, knowing that Your power is made perfect in my weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)

I declare that I stand firm and live courageously because You are my strength and shield (Psalm 28:7). As You commanded in Joshua 1:9, I will not be afraid or discouraged, for You are with me wherever I go. I receive the strength and courage to fulfill my God-given purpose in every season."

3. Trust in Uncertainty

"Father, I place my trust in You, even when

the way forward seems unclear. I believe that all things work together for good to those who love You and are called according to Your purpose (Romans 8:28). Help me to lean not on my own understanding but to acknowledge You in all my ways, trusting that You will make my paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6). Strengthen my faith to walk confidently, knowing Your plans for me are perfect and good."

4. Eternal Perspective

"Lord, help me to live with an eternal mindset, fixing my heart on things above and not on earthly distractions (Colossians 3:2). I receive the grace to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, trusting that all other needs will be added to me. (Matthew 6:33). Teach me to live for Your glory, making choices that reflect the hope

of eternal life You have given through Jesus Christ (John 3:16). Guide me to be a light in the world, pointing others to Your eternal promises."

Conclusion

By anchoring our lives on God's promises, we can navigate 2025 with hope, courage, and confidence. Let us embrace 2025 with unwavering faith, rooted in His unchanging promises, and walk boldly into the future He has prepared for us.

