Promises Made - Promises Kept

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- Promises Are Easier To Make Than They Are To Keep

- People Make Promises with Good Intentions But with Bad Follow Through
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- Ecclesiastes 5:5 (NIV) (5) It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it.

- *Promises Made Must Be Promises Kept*
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- The Bible is full of "exceedingly great and precious promises" (2 Pet 1:4)
- Abraham Would Become A Great Nation
- David Would Have A Long-lasting Throne
- Israel Would Be Restored
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More Promises

- The fulfillment in Christ Jesus
- The promise of the Holy Spirit
- The promise of a Savior
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PROMISES TO BELIEVERS THAT APPLY TO LIFE

- **Help in Need**—Heb. 13:5, 6
- **Strength in Weakness**—Isa. 41:10
- **Courage in Times of Fear**—Matt. 14:27
- **Guidance in Decisions**—Psa. 32:8
- **Peace in Trouble**—Isa. 66:12
- **Joy in Sorrow**—Isa. 61:3
- **Power in Service**—Acts 1:4-8

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- We Can Depend on The Promises Of God
- Nothing Is Too Difficult For God
- Nothing Negates The Promises Of God
- God’s Promises Are Solid -- We Need To Be Stand on Them
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- **God Does Not Lie -- He Makes A Promise -- He Keeps His Promise**

- **Numbers 23:19 (NIV) (19)** God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?
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- What God Says He Will Do -- He Will Do
- When God Makes A Promise -- He Always Keeps It
- He Is The Original Promise Keeper
- At Bethlehem God Kept His Promise

A baby was born who would be the Savior of the world
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▶ (Gal 4:4-5 NIV) But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, (5) to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

▶ The Time Was Right - At That Moment Christ Came

▶ The Promise Made Would Be A Promise Kept

▶ The Christ Of Christmas Is The Fulfillment Of A Promise
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- When We Break Promises There Are Negative Consequences In Health Of Relationships

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When We Promise But Don’t Deliver There are Predictable Consequences:
- Broken Trust
- Disappointment
- Disrespect
- Don’t Sense Authentic Value
- Q. What Are We Teaching/Producing? A. Promise Breaking
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When We Keep Promises:
- It Builds Trust
- It Lifts Spirits And Hopes
- It Establishes Respect
- It Shows Value
- It Models Promise Keeping

Be A Promise Keeper!!
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- At times Promises Are Broken Despite The Best Intentions
- Peter Made A Promise To Christ: “I’ll Never Deny You”
- In Our Own Strength We Cannot Keep Promises
  - “I Can Do All Things Thru Christ Who Strengthens Me”
- God Is A Promise Keeper -- Christ’s Coming At Christmas Is All About A Promise Made And A Promise Kept
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- **O.T. Prophecy - The Messiah Is Coming**
- **Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this
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The Messiah:
- Son of David
- Prophet -- Priest -- King
- The Son of God -- The Son of Man
- Immanuel “God With Us”
Christ The True Messiah:
- Birth at Bethlehem
- Born of a virgin
- Appearing in the second Temple
- Working miracles
- Rejection by the Jews
- Vicarious death
- Coming at the appointed time
Q. Is It Possible That Jesus Fulfilled These Messianic Prophecies By Accident?

A. "Not a chance," ... the probability of any one person fulfilling forty-eight messianic prophesies is one chance in a trillion, trillion, trillion and seven more trillions!

This Was Not An Ordinary Or Accidental Birth
It Was A Divine Birth!

A Huge Promise Made -- A Huge Promise Kept
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- God’s Promise To Us - Jesus Christ Is An Individual Savior (For Us)
- The Promise Of Nearness

- The Birth Of Christ Is The Promise That He Would Be Near
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Three Truths That Ought To Encourage Us:

1. Don’t Worry About Tomorrow Because God Is Already There
2. God Promises To Be With You No Matter What Happens To You
3. Live Without Worry Because God Has You On His Heart At This Very Moment

“I Will Never Leave You”
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- **The promise of forgiveness**

- In John 12:47 Jesus says, “I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.”
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- Man is a sinner and Cannot save himself
- God is merciful and God is just
- Jesus Christ Came To Fulfill A Promise
- Who He is: The infinite God-Man
- What He did: He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sin and to purchase a place in heaven for us.
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- How Do We Get This Gift Of Eternal Life?  
  By Faith.

- He And He Alone Can Single-Handedly Save Us Completely!

- We Have The Promise Of His Forgiveness To Go Along With The Promise Of His Nearness
The Promise Of Love

John 3:16 “God so loved the world...” The Incarnation is about the Love of God. Jesus Came because He was madly in Love with Us!

He is for us! HE LOVES US!

His Love Is Immeasurable - Incomprehensible Unconditional
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- Jesus Coming Means We Are In The Season Of The Lord’s Favor

- In Christ We Have These Eternal Promises

- He Is Near -- He Will Forgive Our Sins -- He Loves Us!
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- Everyone Can Have All That God Has Promised
- Christmas Is A Promise Made And A Promise Kept
- It Is The Celebration Of Immanuel — "God With Us"
- It Is For Any One Of Us -- It Is For All Of Us.
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- Christ Coming Is The Strongest Evidence From The Lord That Everything He Says He Will Do -- He Does

- God Keeps His Promises & He Can Change Your Life
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- God Has Done Everything That He Has Promised

- The Heart Of God The Promise Keeper Is Seen In Jesus The Promised Deliverer

- The Thing We Must Do Is To **Believe** and **Receive**