

Action Plan

1. Make a timeline of your life, listing the high and the low points.
2. List some of the promises that God confirmed and when they came to past.
3. Was each promise a desire that you spoke to God?

Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, we thank you for being God and we acknowledge you as being the only true and living God. Thank you, Lord, for being true to your word. Thank you, God, for being the same yesterday, the same God today, and we thank you in advance that you will be the same God forever more. Thank you, Lord, for every promise that you have brought to pass in our lives. Help us as we move from day to day to grow in our faith and trust that you know what's best for us. Allow us to understand every promise that you make for us is tailored to meet our needs and to give you glory. We thank you for your guaranteed promises, power and provisions. In the Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Reference Scriptures

Psalm 119:49-50; Isaiah 40:31; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ephesians 3:20; Daniel 3:17; Psalm 23; John 3:16; John 14; 2 Corinthians 1:20

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FAST FOCUS | We will fast on Tuesday, August 1, 2018 from 6am-5pm. We will abstain from all foods except water, juice, fruit and vegetables.

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The Land is in Need of
REVIVAL
- FAST FOCUS -

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“Guaranteed Revival” | Psalm 119:49-50 (NRSV)

“Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me and given me life.”

A while ago while browsing in a hospital gift shop, I noticed a box on which there was a picture of an adorable fragrance oil burner. Inquiring about the item, I was informed that it was no longer in stock. However, the shop clerk took my name and number and promised to call when she located another one. As promised, I received a call that a similar one could be found in one of the kiosks in a local mall.

A few days later, I located the kiosk and made my purchase. Upon completing the purchase, I was in a hurry to leave for another appointment; nevertheless, I inquired about a guarantee. The clerk detained me asking me if I could wait for the written guarantee that is to accompany each sale. Other customers had arrived at the kiosk and the clerk asked if he could ring up their orders then write my guarantee for the burner. The clerk explained due to the delicate nature of the burner, the guarantee is required if the item has to be returned.

Reluctantly, I waited and it was fortunate for me that I did because after getting the burner home, it was discovered the light bulb failed to operate. Had I not waited for the guarantee, I may have incurred problems when returning the item to be repaired or replaced.

In much the same manner, it is to our benefit that we seek the Word of God which is most precious to us. The Word of God holds the guarantee of hope for us in the present as well as a promise for the future. We are admonished to be patient in waiting for the guaranteed promises that accompany the Word of God.

Often in our haste, we miss the promises that God has already prepared for us because we do not choose to wait. In Isaiah 40:31, we are reminded that only in waiting is our strength renewed.

In essence, we read the Word and come in agreement with the Word, but we often dismiss it as being just a word. However, closely looking at the Word, we are revived as we receive the guarantee of God's promise, the guarantee of God's power and the guarantee of God's provisions.

First, in the Word, God gives us his promises. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God's word explicitly gives us the plan by which He will fulfill His promise to his people. The conditions of the promise are detailed on the premise that "if" all these conditions take place, "then" we are assured of the expected results. The many promises of God propel us to move forward even when we are afraid or unsure. These promises repeatedly convey to us a central idea, "I am with you" or "I will never leave you". Thus, we have the guarantee of God's promises of safety and security.

Second, the Word reveals not only God's power but also the power that He has placed on us. The word tells us in Ephesians 3:20 (NIV), "Now unto him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us". There is no limit to the power of God. His power is so unfathomable that the human mind cannot comprehend it. In Daniel 3:17, when the three Hebrew men were threatened by a ruthless king with the punishment of being thrown into a fiery furnace, they were so confident in the power of God, they attested to God's ability to deliver them, even if he chose not to do so.

Third, the Word reveals the guarantee of God's provision. The guarantees of provision that God has made for His people have no limit or expiration date. God continually reminds us of current and future guarantees throughout His word. Psalm 23, probably one of the most frequently recited passages, is filled with explanations of God's provisions. As our Shepherd, not only does he provide our needs but he restores us and does so in abundance in the "presence of our enemies".

One of the greatest promises or guarantees is found in John 3:16, the guarantee of eternal life or life beyond this world. This promise is most life-giving, comforting, and gives the saints of God the greatest of hope.

Finally, in a world that seems to be in shambles, we can have confidence in all of the more than 3,000 promises of God. We are reminded that these promises can be received by us through Jesus and they are forever true. 2 Corinthians 1:20 states, "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us".