

"HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED"

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The One Who promised

God is faithful

[1Co_1:9](#), "God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Faithful ([πιστός](#)) means "Worthy of belief, trust, or confidence" (CWSD)

God is a promiser

7 promises ([theinspirationcafeblog.net](#))

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A perfect example is found in the promise to Sarah to provide a son ([Heb_11:11](#), "Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.")

God is a performer

[1Th_5:24](#), "Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*."

Note that the "it" is italicized

The verb "do" ([ποιέω](#)) can carry the idea of making, doing, performing-- "expressing action either as completed or continued" (CWSD)

Accordingly, God is a faithful promiser and doer

[Heb_10:23](#), "Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)"

The promise

As opposed to a curse ([Heb_6:4-8](#)), God has promised better things accompanying salvation for the righteous, faithful "you" ([Heb_6:9](#), "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.")

[Tit_1:2](#), "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

The promise is grounded in God's memory and justice ([Heb_6:10](#), "For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.")

The promise is grounded in God's perfection ([Heb_6:13-14](#), [Heb_6:16](#), "For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. ... For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.")

The promise is grounded in God's inability to not keep His promises ([Heb_6:17-18](#),

"Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, ...")

The one to whom the promise is made

God's promises have always been conditional

"If" is found in Scripture 1595 times

The righteous will receive the promises

Diligence and industry, and faith and patience are essential ([Heb_6:11-12](#), "And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.")

Abraham's reception of God's promise was conditioned upon his patient endurance ([Heb_6:15](#), "And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.")

Fleeing to the refuge of hope in God is essential ([Heb_6:18-19](#), "... who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;")

The accomplishment of the work of Jesus was essential; moreover, it was accomplished ([Heb_6:20](#), "Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.")--this means it falls upon us to receive the promises of God!

Will we?