The Lost Promises of God

"For all the promises of God in him are yes, and in him, unto the glory of God by us." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Introduction

Lost things – Lost presence, lost passion, lost whisper, lost power, and lost promises.

Lost promises:
If I asked you to write down on a sheet of paper all the promises of God to his children, how many could you remember a write out? Could you write out three, or even ten?

There are literally 640 promises of God to his children. What happens to the other 637 or the 630?

What are they? Where are they? Why are we ignoring them?

We either don't know them, or we ignore them, discredit them, deny them, or maybe we don't believe them.

Consider the wealth of promises God has given you that you are blind to or ignorant of. Several years ago I set out to make in my Bible and write out all the promises of God in his word. That resulted in over 310 specific promises God has made to every child of God in 31 categories. A few years later I added more discovered promises. There are over 700!!! – Can you believe it?

If you knew there was a buried treasure of millions of dollars in cold coins would you start searching for it? Would you dig up your yard until you found it?

(ie) Spurgeon on the checkbook of God

The Bible contains a treasure chest full of the promises of God.

They are gems, pearls of great price, diamonds, and precious jewels.

(ie) When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem Jesus' word was fulfilled in that he said concerning the Temple that, "Not one stone would be left upon another." (incidently ,that is why I do not believe the wailing wall was part of the temple.) The Romans spent years sifting through the cracks and broken stones searching for gold that melted between the cracks.

1) Let us think on the importance of the WORD OF GOD.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."
Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matthew 4:4

The Word of God is Eternal

Isaiah 40:8 *"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."*
Matthew 5:*18* *"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."*
Matthew 24:35 *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."*
Psalm 119:89 *"Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven."*
1 Peter 1:24 *"All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, But the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word that was preached to you."*

The Word of God is Living, Powerful, Sharp, Penetrating

Hebrews 4:12 *"For the word of God is quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*
John 6:63 *"It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."*
1 Peter 1:23 *"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."*

The Word of God is a Treasure

Matthew 6:21 *"For where your **treasure** is, there will your heart be also."*
Matthew 13:52 *"Therefore every scribe who is instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which brings forth out of his **treasure** things new and old."*
Luke 6:45 *"A good man out of the good **treasure** of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil **treasure** of his heart brings forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."*

The Word of God is an Anchor

Hebrews 6:17-19 *"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, 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 steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil;"*

The Word of God is a Shield & a Weapon

Proverbs 30:5 *"Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in him."*
Psalm 119:114 *"You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word."*
Psalm 18:30 *"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield to all who take refuge in him."*
Ephesians 6:16 *"In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one" and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."*

The Challenge and Application

John 15:7 *"If you abide in me and my word abides in you, you shall ask what you will and it will be done unto you."*

Colossians 3:16 *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."*

Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

Psalm 119:11 *"Your word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against you."*

Deuteronomy 6:6 *"These commandments I give you today are to be in your hearts. Impress them, talk of them, tie them, write them on your doorframes of you houses and on your gates."*

Joshua 1:8 *"This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night…Then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."*

(ie) Derek Prince quote: *"You do not love God more than you love His word."*

OUR LIFE IS IN THE WORD. WITHOUT THE WORD THERE IS NO LIFE.

"This book will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from this book."

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2 Peter 1:4 *"Whereby are given unto us great and exceeding precious promises that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature."*

Galatians 3:29 *If you are Christs, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Ephesians 2:12 *In the time past you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.*

Acts 2:39 *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, even to as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

Hebrews 4:1 *Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*

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3) The Challenge and Application

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We challenge you to choose at least 12 promises, on for every month of the year to memorize. If you are bold enough, choose 52 promises, enough for one every week of the year. Mark them in your Bible. Memorize them. Share them with others often.

Promises Index

There are 31 pages with10 promises per page covering 31 topics.

1. For Your Prayers
2. For Your Faith
3. For Your Protection
4. For Your Provision
5. For Your Strength
6. For Your Healing
7. For Your Fear & Worry
8. For Your Stress & Anxiety
9. For Your Times of Doubt
10. For Your Times of Suffering
11. For Your Rest and Safety
12. For Your Tough Times
13. For Your Loneliness
14. For Your Peace
15. For Your Children's Salvation
16. God's Comfort – When You Need Comfort
17. God's Restoration – When You Need Restoration
18. God's Nearness – When God Seems Far Away
19. God's Victory – When You Are Under Attack
20. God's Forgiveness – When You Need Cleansing
21. God's Guidance – When You Are Confused
22. God's Success – When You Feel Like a Failure
23. God's Faithfulness – When Everything Goes Wrong
24. God's Character – When You Feel Unloved
25. God's Delight in You – When You Feel Unloved
26. God's Name - When You Need a Refuge
27. God's Word – When you Doubt God's Word
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30. God's Security – When you Doubt Salvation
31. God's Blessing – When you Need a Blessing

Booklet: *Cross My Heart – God (*available on Amazon)

310 Promises in 31 Categories

I have compiled over 640 precious promise. Each one is for you.

There are over 40 promises in the last 26 chapters of Isaiah.

God has given each of us 700+ personal promises. Why do you ignore 699? Most believers can't quote 3 promises, let alone 10 or more. Why?

1. We don't know them.
2. We don't think they are for us.
3. We feel unworthy of them.

Disqualifying the Promises

1 Conditional promises "If…"
No all are conditional. "If my people, if we confess our sins…"call on me and I will answer you."

2 I Feel unworthy or
It doesn't mean me. Because I'm not good enough.
"Whosoever meaneth me!"

Doesn't mean me. It's for Israel, or disciples, men of God, only the best, cream of God's crop…
Who is worthy to open the scroll?

3 Can't find them. Ignorance
Bunyan - the promise!
Treasure to be found!

10 promise in 31 categories
10 promises each day of month

650 promises, staggering number
Psalms, Isaiah,