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❧ INTRODUCTION ❧

Small things often have a great impact. This pocket book of Bible promises is small in size, but we hope it will become one of your most treasured resources for hope and encouragement. Life is full of twists and surprises—some good and some bad. As we try to live day by day, month by month, and year by year, we face many hurts, doubts, and problems. We have many questions about what to do next, where to go, and why things happen the way they do. Life doesn't always work according to plan. So how do we keep moving forward with a positive attitude, hope, and a spirit of joy in spite of the bumps along the way? This little book can help you make sense of today's challenges because it is filled with God's promises. Knowing God's promises helps life make sense and gives you a confident peace and security in the midst of confusing and chaotic circumstances. When you have questions, doubts, or fears, this book can be a wonderful resource to come back to again and again.

Thankfully, God keeps all his promises. This makes his Word, the Bible, the greatest of treasures, because it is filled with promises you know will be kept. These are promises God

makes not only to his people in general but to you personally. One of God's greatest promises is that his Word will last forever (Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23-25), which means his promises will also stand for eternity. Though human promises often fail and disappoint us, God's promises fulfill and sustain us by providing guidance, teaching, encouragement, forgiveness, joy, and the confidence that the future is secure.

This little book is full of God's greatest and most personal promises—more than 375 promises covering ninety different topics. All the promises are drawn from the New Living Translation, the most readable and accurate translation available today. The topics selected in this book cover different times and different walks of life to show that God's care and concern extend to all people for all time, including you! His promises are relevant in your most needy hour, as well as in your times of blessing and in the routine of everyday life. Knowing God's promises will help you discover what God desires for your life and how to receive and enjoy all that God has in store for you.



ACCEPTANCE

When you need to feel accepted by God . . .

Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.

Psalm 27:10

Since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

Romans 5:1-2

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39

When you're having trouble accepting life's circumstances . . .

To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 26:3

You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

Hebrews 10:34

ANGELS

When you wonder how angels are involved in the world today . . .

The angel of the LORD is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.

Psalms 34:7

Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

Hebrews 13:2

ANGER

When you're feeling angry at others . . .

If you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment!

Matthew 5:22

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.

Romans 12:19

"Don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

Ephesians 4:26-27

When you're afraid God is angry with you . . .

You are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love.

Nehemiah 9:17

His anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalms 30:5

« BEGINNINGS

When you feel the need to start over . . .

Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:23

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.

The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

« BELIEF

When you feel lost and don't know what to believe in . . .

I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.

John 12:46

When you question whether simply believing is enough . . .

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life.

John 6:47

Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

Acts 16:31

When you question the power of belief in God . . .

“What do you mean, ‘If I can?’” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”

Mark 9:23

« BLESSINGS

When you want to experience God's blessings . . .

How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.

Psalm 31:19

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.

Jeremiah 17:7

When you wonder about the blessings that come from obeying God . . .

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

Psalm 1:1

How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.

Psalm 31:19

The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.

Psalm 84:11

CHANGE

When you're looking for stability in the midst of change . . .

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

I am the LORD, and I do not change.

Malachi 3:6

When you need to make a change . . .

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

COMFORT

When it seems there is no one to comfort you . . .

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted.

Psalms 34:18

When you need someone who understands you . . .

In all their suffering he also suffered, and he personally rescued them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them. He lifted them up and carried them through all the years.

Isaiah 63:9

When you're seeking words of comfort . . .

I meditate on your age-old regulations; O LORD, they comfort me.

Psalms 119:52

When you need to sympathize with others . . .

God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

« CONSEQUENCES

When you want to know the importance of righteous living . . .

Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.

Hosea 10:12

FAVORITE VERSES

May the Lord Bless You

May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord Is with You

Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Perfect Peace

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.

Psalms 4:8

☞ The Shepherd's Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:1-6

☞ The Lord Cares for You

You are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.

Psalm 32:7

☞ The Lord Is Near

The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous person faces many troubles, but the LORD comes to the rescue each time.

Psalm 34:17-19

☺ The Lord Encourages

I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD.

Psalm 40:1-3

☺ The Lord Is Your Help

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God!

Psalm 42:11

☺ Give Thanks

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! *His faithful love endures forever.* Give thanks to the God of gods. *His faithful love endures forever.* Give thanks to the Lord of lords. *His faithful love endures forever.* Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles. *His faithful love endures forever.* Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully. *His faithful love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:1-5

☺ The Lord Watches over You

You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

Psalm 139:2-3

☞ **Trust in the Lord**

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock.

Isaiah 26:3-4

☞ **Do Not Be Afraid**

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

☞ **The Lord Is Merciful**

“The mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken,” says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Isaiah 54:10

☞ **The Lord Is My Strength**

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

☺ **The Lord Helps the Weak**

It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Zechariah 4:6

☺ **The Beatitudes**

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Matthew 5:3-12

☺ **Jesus Gives Rest**

Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

☞ **God Gives Eternal Life**

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

☞ **God Works for Our Good**

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28

☞ **No One Can Oppose God**

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Romans 8:31-32

☞ **Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love**

Nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

☪ Christ's Love

Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

☪ Go to God in Time of Need

Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16

☪ The Lord Is Our Helper

We can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6

☪ The Lord Never Changes

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

