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*Hebrews 6:13-20*

I wonder how many people believe everything that politicians tell us? Surely, they don't lie, after all, when they asked us to elect them, they told us about what wonderful people they were, and what great things they had done in the past. If truth be told, I wonder if politicians even believe what they tell us themselves!!!!

We are living in a world with serious trust issues. Broken families, with many marriages failing because a spouse has broken their wedding vow. Or many dysfunctional children, because many parents have promised something to their children, and have not kept their promise.

Sadly, people have even been let down by the leaders of faith communities. The sex scandal of the Roman Catholic Church. The abuse of people by the Moslems in places like Northern Nigeria. The exploitation of money in some of the Prosperity Churches.

There was a time, and I remember the last of those days when I was young, when you could trust someone, just by a handshake. In the past two people shook hands if they were making a business deal. These days, when two people shake hands after making a business deal, you can be sure that one person is "slipping" some money to another.

**WHO CAN YOU TRUST IN THESE DAYS?**

**PRAISE THE LORD, WE CAN STILL TRUST GOD, AS  
REVEALED IN HIS WORD, THE BIBLE**

## **WHY GOD'S PROMISES ALWAYS COME TRUE.**

**WE CAN TRUST GOD'S PROMISES TO ALWAYS COME TRUE BECAUSE:**

### **1. They are UNDERGIRDDED by WHO HE IS.**

*Hebrews 6 v13 When God made his promise to Abraham, **since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,***

- 1.1 **OMNISCIENT** - God knows everything.
- 1.2 **OMNIPRESENT** - God is everywhere.
- 1.3 **OMNIPOTENT** - God is all powerful.
- 1.4 **ETERNAL** - God knows the past as well as the future.
- 1.5 **HOLY** – There is no evil in HIM.

# NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD

Luke 18:22-27 THE RICH YOUNG RULER - When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." v23 When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. v24 Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! v25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." v26 Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" v27 Jesus replied, **"What is impossible with men is possible with God."**

WE CAN TRUST GOD'S PROMISES TO ALWAYS COME TRUE BECAUSE:

## 2. HIS PROMISES are never UNFINISHED.

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Now Ladies I have a lesson to teach you about us men.

**WHEN WE MEN SAY WE WILL DO SOMETHING, WE ALWAYS WILL.  
YOU DON'T NEED TO REMIND US EVER YEAR!!!!**

## Praise the LORD, GOD'S PROMISES ARE NEVER UNFINISHED

Scholars have said there are somewhere between 390-420 prophecies in the OLD TESTAMENT that have come true in Jesus alone. There are many other prophecies in the Bible, like those about Israel, that have also been fulfilled.

**Peter Stoner in *Science Speaks* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1963) calculated the probability of one man fulfilling 48 prophecies to be one in 10 to the 157th power.**

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## GOD MADE A PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

- 2.1 **AGE WAS NOT A PROBLEM** - Abraham was 86 when Ismael was born, but 100 when Isaac was born. SARAH was in her 90's and only lived to 127.
- 2.2 **TESTING WAS NOT A PROBLEM** - God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac. If God could provide one child, HE could provide another.

The fact that we still have a nation called Israel to this day, is testament to GOD KEEPING HIS PROMISES.

NATIONS are still trying to destroy Israel, even to this day. How blessed we are in South Africa, to have a Chief Justice who speaks out in favour of Israel, when it is not the politically correct thing to do.

WE CAN TRUST GOD'S PROMISES TO ALWAYS COME TRUE BECAUSE:

### 3. **They are UNDERWRITTEN by HIS ACTION.**

*Hebrews 6 v16 Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. v17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.*

When it says that God confirmed his PROMISE with an OATH, the readers would have understood that GOD had moved the promise from mere words, to a FORMAL AGREEMENT. The ceremony of taking an OATH is described in Genesis 15:9-18 and 22:15-18.

*Genesis 15:9-18 So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." v10 Abram brought all these to him, **cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other**; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. v11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. v12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. v13 Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. v14 But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. v15 You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. v16 In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure." v17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. v18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram...*

The symbolism of cutting the animals in two was a sign that if any of the parties who took the oath, actually broke the oath, they too would be cut in two.

## **WHAT GOD SAYS HE WILL DO, HE DOES!!!**

WE CAN TRUST GOD'S PROMISES TO ALWAYS COME TRUE BECAUSE:

### 4. **They are part of the UNCHANGING NATURE OF HIS PURPOSE.**

*Hebrews 6 v17 Because **God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised**, he confirmed it with an oath. v18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. v19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, v20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.*

## **WHAT IS "THE UNCHANGING NATURE OF HIS PURPOSE"?**

It is most clearly explained in: *John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. v17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. v18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

The writer of the book of Hebrews describes “THE UNCHANGING NATURE OF HIS PURPOSE” in this way:

*v19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, v20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.*

- 4.1 **God’s ANCHOR is a SOUL ANCHOR** - HE is interested in our eternal condition.
- 4.2 **God’s ANCHOR is a SURE ANCHOR** - The ANCHOR is “firm and secure”.
- 4.3 **God’s ANCHOR is an INNER SANCTUARY ANCHOR** – We are connected to the “Holy of Holies.”
- 4.4 **God’s ANCHOR is a SUBSTITUTIONARY ANCHOR** – HE “went before us.”
- 4.5 **God’s ANCHOR is a SAVING ANCHOR** – At the other end of the rope is OUR HIGH PRIEST

## **SO, IN WHOM ARE YOU PUTTING YOUR TRUST?**

**WE CAN TRUST GOD’S PROMISES TO ALWAYS COME TRUE BECAUSE:**

- 1. **They are UNDERGIRD by WHO HE IS.**
- 2. **HIS PROMISES are never UNFINISHED.**
- 3. **They are UNDERWRITTEN by HIS ACTION.**
- 4. **They are part of the UNCHANGING NATURE OF HIS PURPOSE.**