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## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ Another day to live.

*"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."* (James 4:13-14)

*"For, 'ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.' And this is the word which was preached to you."* (1 Peter 1:24-25)

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ Another day to live.

*"As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; for soon it is gone and we fly away."* (Psalms 90:10)

*"For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten."* (Ecclesiastes 9:5)

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ To save anyone outside of the body of Christ.

*"For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the **Savior of the body**."* (Ephesians 5:23)

*"And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to **the church, which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."* (Ephesians 1:22-23)

*"For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."* (1 Corinthians 12:13)

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ To save anyone outside of the body of Christ.

*"For all of you who were **baptized into Christ** have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:27)*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ...**" (Ephesians 1:3)*

*"For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the **salvation which is in Christ Jesus** and with it eternal glory." (2 Timothy 2:10)*

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ Another chance after death.

*"By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)*

*"...then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." (Ecclesiastes 12:7)*

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ Another chance after death.

*"And inasmuch as **it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment**, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." (Hebrews 9:27-28)*

*"...In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom..." (v. 23)  
...there is a great chasm fixed..." (v.26)  
(Luke 16:19-31)*

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ To hear the prayer of the rebellious sinner.

*"He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even **his prayer is an abomination.**" (Proverbs 28:9)*

*"But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that **He does not hear.**" (Isaiah 59:2)*

*"We know that **God does not hear sinners**; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him." (John 9:31)*

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ A life free from hardships.

*"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to **SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; AND A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.** He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it." (Matthew 10:34-39)*

*"Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." (2 Timothy 3:12)*

## Things God HAS NOT Promised...

### ■ A life free from hardships.

*"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11-12)*

*"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name."  
(Matthew 24:9)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

- Everything produces after its kind.

*"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'; and it was so." (Genesis 1:24)*

- Seed time and harvest.

*"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

- No more world destruction by a flood.

*"Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, 'Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you; and **all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.**'" (Genesis 9:8-11)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

- The promise of a redeemer.

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." (Genesis 3:15)*

*"From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus..." (Acts 13:23)*

*"And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.'" (Acts 13:32-33)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

- A future world destruction.

*"But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about **His promise**, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." (2 Peter 3:7-10)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

- The second coming of Christ.

*"And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.'" (Acts 1:9-11)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

- The general resurrection.

*"Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which **all who are in the tombs** will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment." (John 5:28-29)*

*"Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised** imperishable, and we will be changed." (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

### ■ Judgment.

*"...because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:31)*

*"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment..." (Hebrews 9:27)*

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10)*

## Things God HAS Promised Unconditionally...

### ■ Every knee shall bow.

*"For it is written, 'AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.' So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God." (Romans 14:11-12)*

*"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11)*

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ Forgiveness of sins.

*"They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, 'for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.'" (Jeremiah 31:34)*

*"...and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." (Luke 24:47)*

*"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." (Acts 10:43)*

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ Answer to prayer.

*"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!" (Matthew 7:11)*

*"But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord..." (James 1:6-7)*

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ Answer to prayer.

*"...and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3:22)*

*"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." (1 John 5:14-15)*

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ All spiritual blessings.

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ..." (Ephesians 1:3)*

### ■ A glorious resurrection.

*"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11)*

*"...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." (Philippians 3:10-11)*

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ A glorious resurrection.

*"Jesus said to them, 'The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.'"* (Luke 20:34-36)

*"...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality."* (1 Corinthians 15:52-53)

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ The everlasting kingdom.

*"Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"* (James 2:5)

*"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"* (Matthew 25:34)

*"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."* (Hebrews 12:28-29)

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ Eternal life.

*"This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life."* (1 John 2:25)

*"...for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."* (1 Timothy 4:8)

*"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised."* (Hebrews 10:35-36)

## Things God HAS Promised Conditionally...

### ■ Eternal life.

*"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."* (James 1:12)

*"Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation..."* (Hebrews 5:8-9)

*"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."* (1 John 5:13)

## Eternal Life!

*"Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.'"* (John 6:68)

## How To Be Saved

### Hear the word of God

(2 Thessalonians 2:14; James 1:21)

### Believe the gospel message

(Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24)

### Repent of sins

(Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31)

### Confess Jesus Christ

(Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33)

### Be Baptized for Forgiveness of Sins

(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

### Remain Obedient

(Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 3:12)