

Promises, Promises!

Psalm 132

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Take-Home Truth: God is faithful to **all** His promises – period!

Knowing God means that we know who He is and His promises for us in Christ, Jesus.

1-5 O GOD, remember David, remember all his troubles! And remember how he promised GOD, made a vow to the Strong God of Jacob, "I'm not going home, and I'm not going to bed, I'm not going to sleep, not even take time to rest, Until I find a home for GOD, a house for the Strong God of Jacob." 6-7 Remember how we got the news in Ephrathah, learned all about it at Jaar Meadows? We shouted, "Let's go to the shrine dedication! Let's worship at God's own footstool!" 8-10 Up, GOD, enjoy your new place of quiet repose, you and your mighty covenant ark; Get your priests all dressed up in justice; prompt your worshipers to sing this prayer: "Honor your servant David; don't disdain your anointed one." 11-18 GOD gave David his word, he won't back out on this promise: "One of your sons I will set on your throne; If your sons stay true to my Covenant and learn to live the way I teach them, Their sons will continue the line—always a son to sit on your throne. Yes—I, GOD, chose Zion, the place I wanted for my shrine; This will always be my home; this is what I want, and I'm here for good. I'll shower blessings on the pilgrims who come here, and give supper to those who arrive hungry; I'll dress my priests in salvation clothes; the holy people will sing their hearts out! Oh, I'll make the place radiant for David! I'll fill it with light for my anointed! I'll dress his enemies in dirty rags, but I'll make his crown sparkle with splendor." Psalm 132 (The Message)

There are two principles revealed through this Psalm:

#1: WE MUST **KNOW** GOD'S PROMISES.

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His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4 (New International Version)

- God's promises are rooted in **God's character**.
- God's promises are a demonstration of **God's unconditional commitment** to His people.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.
2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.
Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)

Principle: You can't break God's promises by leaning on them!

#2: WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISES.

Four ways through which we receive God's promises:

- a. We prayerfully study our Bibles.
- b. We wait patiently.

“And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.”
Hebrews 6:15 (NIV)

- c. We live in obedience to God's will.

“You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.” Hebrews 10:36 (NIV)

- d. We receive God's promises by faith.

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.” Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)