



“Holding On To What Was Spoken”

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Questions:

- 1) What promise have you heard from God or someone else? Have you made a promise to someone?...
- 2) Have you seen or believe God will fulfil his promise to you? How about you keeping your promise?

12 *The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you.”² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.⁵ He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan,⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, who had appeared to him. Genesis 12:1–7 (NLT)*

Believing and Living with EXPECTATION!

² Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you.
³ Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:2–3 (NLT)

- A promise spoken at the right time ***gives us courage*** to move ***confidently in a direction*** ...it’s called ***FAITH!***
- A keeper of promise(s) helps us to ***develop our relationship*** with God in the area of ***TRUST!***
- A ***small, fulfilled*** promise helps us to ***get ready*** for ***“WHAT’S NEXT”*** ...***ANTICIPATION!***

5 Ways In Which Waiting/Holding Onto A Promise(s) Can Help Make Us A Better Person!

⁸¹ I am worn out waiting for your rescue, but I have put my hope in your word. ⁸² My eyes are straining to see your promises come true. When will you comfort me? Psalm 119:81–82 (NLT)

- ✓ A promise doesn’t have an ***expiration date*** ...***keep expecting!***
- ✓ A promise(s) keeps us thinking about a ***better future!***
- ✓ A promise gives us ***something*** to look forward to ...***possibilities!***
- ✓ A promise reminds us that ***we are not alone*** even when we ***might be feeling alone!***
- ✓ A promise fulfilled reminds us that life doesn’t have to be ***disappointing*** but can be ***fulfilling and rewarding!***

²⁵ At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and ***was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel***. The Holy Spirit was upon him ²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, ²⁸ ***Simeon was there***. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ ***“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.”*** ³⁰ ***I have seen you salvation,*** ³¹ ***which you have prepared for all people.*** ³² ***He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”*** ³³ Jesus’ parents were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby’s mother, ***“This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him.”*** ³⁵ ***As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”*** Luke 2:25–35 (NLT)

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