

April Memory Verse: "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 Series: Jesus is Better (12) **Title: Jesus Gives a Better Promise** Scripture: Hebrews 6:13-20

Why are God's promises better?

- God swears by Himself. (There is nothing and no one greater to swear by.)
- God keeps His promises. (14-15)
- God's character is unchangeable. (17)
- God's oath is unchangeable. (18)
- God has proven Himself over and over (Jesus).

(1) 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. Just to take Him at His Word Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!" (chorus) Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more! (2) I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend And I know that He is with me. Will be with me to the end. (3)Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood And in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! (4) Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

What are the promises of God? (Heb. 6:14)

- 1. I will bless you. (Gen. 12:2)
- 2. I will multiply you. (Gen. 22:17)

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- 3. I will bless the nations through you. (Gen. 12:3)
- 4. I will be your God and you will be my people. (Lev. 26:12-13)
- 5. I will be present with you and protect you. (Deut. 31:6, 8; Psalm 121, Isaiah 41:10, John 10:28)

- 6. I will love you. (1 Chron. 16:34; Romans 5:8)
- 7. I will save all who call upon the name of Jesus. (Romans 1:16-17; 10:13)
- 8. I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28-30)
- 9. I will work all things out for good for my children. (Phil. 1:6; Romans 8:28)
- 10. I will come again. (John 14:2-3)

What do we do with the promises of God?

- Patiently wait to obtain them. (Heb. 6:15, 2 Peter 3:8-10)
 - God is not slow in keeping His promises.
 - God is not on our time table of promise keeping.
- Find the answer to each promise in Jesus. (Heb. 6:19-20, 2 Cor. 1:20)

What happens when people break their promises?

- Acknowledge the hurt.
- Don't blame God blame Satan and the Fall.
- Acknowledge that YOU have broken your promises.
- Remember that you are an heir to the promises of God.
- Measure man's promises against the promises of GOD.
- Hold onto the promises of God that have been fulfilled.
- Patiently wait for God's promises to be fulfilled.

So What Do We Do? (Heb. 6:18-20)

- Flee for refuge in Jesus when we break our promises.
- Hold fast to our unshakable hope in Jesus.
- Anchor our souls to Jesus.
- Follow where Jesus runs.