

Promises Made, Promises Kept

Can we trust God's promises?

Opening Scripture: *Joshua 23:14* “You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.”

Leader: Lead us, heavenly Father, in our opening way,
Lead us now this morning of our coming day.
While our hearts are happy, while our souls are true,
May we give our childhood as a song to you.

Song: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood, the meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water, to gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Student Reader: Numbers 23:19

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

Question for Today: Can we trust God's promises?

Meditation: *Promises Made, Promises Kept*

Mission Offering

Responsive Reading

P: God hath not promised skies always blue, flower strewn pathways all our lives through;

C: *God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

P: But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way,

C: *Grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

Prayer (Ask for prayer requests)

Dearest Lord Jesus, it's sometimes so easy to forget that you are the perfect promise keeper. We are truly thankful that you have kept and will keep every promise you make. And thanks to your promises we can be certain of our salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of our generous Savior we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

May the Lord walk **beside** you to comfort you.

May the Lord walk **above** you to watch over you.

May the Lord walk **behind** you to keep you safe.

May the Lord walk **before** you to show you the way.

Song: *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, from the shining courts above,

The Beloved One, His Only Son, showed us His wondrous love.

This is my Father's world, should my heart be ever sad?

The Lord is King—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

It's All or Nothing

Can we choose the Bible parts we want to believe?

Opening Scripture: Revelation 22:19 *“If anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll”*

Leader: Now the shades of night are gone; now the morning light has come. Lord, may we be yours today; drive the shades of sin away. Amen.

Spoken Song by All: Your Word

Your Word is like a garden, Lord, with flowers bright and fair;
And every one who seeks may pluck a lovely cluster there.
Your Word is like a deep, deep mine; and jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths for every searcher there.

Your Word is like a starry host: a thousand rays of light
Are seen to guide the traveler and make his pathway bright.
Your Word is like an armory, where soldiers may repair;
And find, for life's long battle day, armor and weapons there.

O may I love Your precious Word, may I explore the mine,
May I its fragrant flowers glean, may light upon me shine!
O may I find protection there! Your Word my trusty sword,
I'll learn to fight with every foe the battle of the Lord.

Student Reader 1: Jeremiah 15:16

“When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight.”

Student Reader 2: Job 23:12

“I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.”

Student Reader 3: Psalm 119:103

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

Question for the day: Can we choose the Bible parts we want to believe?

Meditation: *It's All or Nothing*

Mission Offering

Song: *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while words endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Prayer (Ask for prayer requests)

Lord God, how can we begin to thank you for the many blessings you shower down on us. You provide us with our homes and families, our food and our school, our clothing and our health. And we are especially thankful for giving us your Word that leads to eternal life. Help us to treasure every word in the Bible as our most important treasure. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

Sing: *The B-I-B-L-E*

The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E.

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