

Learn What God Wants You to Know

God is Real!
Part 9

TRUST GOD'S PROMISES!



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

We have been learning some AMAZING
FACTS from God's Word! These FACTS prove to
us beyond a doubt that

GOD IS REAL!

We've seen that CREATION proves that God is real!

We've seen that TRUE SCIENCE proves He is real!

We are now learning that

BIBLE PROPHECY

proves that God is real!



But even MORE than proving that
God is real, Bible Prophecy proves that Jesus Christ
is EXACTLY who God says He is. Bible Prophecy
PROVES beyond a doubt that Jesus Christ is

"...the living God, who is the Saviour of all
men, specially of those that believe."

1 Timothy 4:10 b KJB

Do you remember what Bible Prophecy is? Bible Prophecy
is the part of God's Word that has declared that certain things
will happen in a certain way. Bible Prophecy declares these
things WAY BEFORE those certain things happen. And
then, those certain things HAPPEN EXACTLY as God's
Word said they would happen!

Now sometimes the events that God's Word promises
will happen don't happen until a very LONG TIME AFTER
God makes His promise! In fact, sometimes it seems like
God's not doing anything & people get tired of waiting.
These kind of people even make fun of God. For example,
God has promised—He's given us the Bible Prophecy—that
someday in the future Jesus Christ is coming BACK to this

earth to rule the earth. But the people who do NOT believe in Jesus or God's Bible Prophecies make jokes about God's serious promises.

They laugh & mock Him! They say things like "...Where is the promise of his coming?" 2Peter 3:4a KJB



These people think that just because Jesus is not here on earth right now, that God's promises are a joke! What these people FAIL to realize is that sometimes God waits a LONG TIME to fulfill His promise. That word FULFILL means to do what is necessary or needed to have the promise carried out exactly as planned! What these people FAIL to realize is that during the time that passes from when God 1st makes the promise to when the event really happens, God is working & getting everything ready to DO what He PROMISED He would DO!

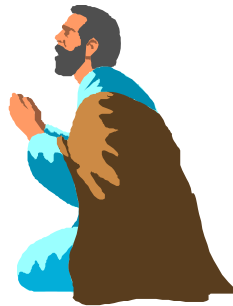
God ALSO uses this time that passes to work in OUR LIVES. First, God works & does all He can to help people to understand that Jesus is God their Savior. See 1Timothy 2:3-6 & 2Peter 3:8-9. God LOVES all mankind. John 3:15-18 tells us that God gave His Son to die on the cross for ALL mankind. Not one single person was left out of Jesus' payment for sins. Jesus paid in full for EVERYONE'S SINS even for those who will NEVER believe in Him! Because of Jesus Christ, God is NOT holding people's personal sins against them. He took the sins of the WHOLE WORLD OUT OF THE WAY completely through the shed blood of His Son Jesus. See John 1:29 & 2 Corinthians 5:19-21. And so God works in peoples lives to help them understand that Je-

sus died for them & that all they need do is BELIEVE IN JESUS as God their Savior, & God will SAVE them from the Lake of Fire & make them His child FOREVER! See 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Acts 16:31 & John 1:12. God PROMISES that all who believe in Jesus will go STRAIGHT to heaven to be with God forever when they leave this earth!

But guess what! It is not only unbelievers who get tired of waiting for God to fulfill His promises. Even BELIEVERS, God's children, often get tired & impatient waiting for God. They may not JOKE about God's promises in mean ways like the unbelievers do, but because of all the troubles they may have, they get TIRED & start wondering if God really gave them certain promises at all! Others who see all their troubles may even start to make fun of them as they try to go on waiting for God! Read what one person who was a believer said long ago when his life was filled with big troubles & deep sorrows & others started to make fun of him:

"My tears have been my meat
day and night, while they continually
say unto me, Where *is*
thy God?

Psalm 42:3 KJB



As you STUDY God's written Word each day, you will LEARN that often God uses these long times of troubles to help those who ALREADY know Jesus as their Savior to learn that they can TRUST GOD FOR EVERYTHING in their lives! He helps His children to REMEMBER how He's kept His promises in the PAST so that they will TRUST Him to keep His promises for the present situations of trouble. You will UNDERSTAND why LEARNING God's PROMISES—especially His BIBLE PROPHECIES

which God has **ALREADY FULFILLED**, helps us keep on trusting God when troubles come **OUR** way! We can **TALK TO OUR SOUL** as that man did long ago in times of trouble. We can say what that man long ago said to **HIS OWN SOUL** to help him keep on trusting God instead of **FALLING APART!** This man **KNEW** that God **KEEPS ALL HIS PROMISES!** Here is what that man said to **HIMSELF** when he had **BIG TROUBLES**:

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And *why* art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him *for* the help of his countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar."



Psalm 42:5-6 KJB

In times of **BIG TROUBLES** which seemed to go on for a **LONG TIME**, this man **REMEMBERED** some of the **PROMISES** God had kept in the land of Jordan. Remembering God's **FAITHFULNESS TO KEEP HIS PROMISES IN THE PAST** helps us **KEEP ON TRUSTING GOD IN THE PRESENT & FOR THE FUTURE!** Knowing God's **BIBLE PROPHECIES—HIS PROMISES—**and how He **FULFILLED THEM SO FAR** can encourage us to keep on **TRUSTING HIM** to keep His promises to us

no matter WHAT is going on in our lives!

And so for the rest of this lesson we are going to read 2 of the Bible Prophecies that Jesus Christ FULFILLED when He came to earth 2000 years ago! By His fulfillment of these prophecies, Jesus Christ not only PROVED that He is the Living God, our Savior; He ALSO PROVED that we can ABSOLUTELY TRUST GOD TO KEEP HIS PROMISES TO US TOO even though it seems that He is taking a long time to do it! Remember God does NOT WASTE TIME! He uses ALL TIME to WORK HIS GOOD in our lives & the lives of others around us!



As we read these prophecies notice the LENGTH OF TIME—the number of YEARS—that passed by until God FULFILLED those prophecies—promises about Jesus! But remember this! God never wastes time! He's ALWAYS WORKING in our lives. God is NEVER LATE!

Whatever He promises, happens RIGHT ON TIME—IN HIS TIME! Let's read some of the PROMISES about Jesus that God has ALREADY FULFILLED!

About 700 YEARS before the baby Jesus was born, God had the prophet Isaiah write this about his birth:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign, Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14 KJB

Well, about 700 years passed by and then this is EXACTLY what happened! Here is what the angel of the Lord told a certain group of shepherds that night:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 KJB

Now how do we know that this baby whom the angels announced was the same baby that Isaiah spoke of 700 years earlier?



Let's read what a special angel told the man Joseph about Mary, this baby's mother before the baby was born.:

"...Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is God with us."

Mathew 1:20-23 KJB

Jesus' BIRTH PROVED that we can 100% depend on God keeping ALL His promises! He PROMISED that He would give His people a SIGN that one certain baby would be born which would be HIS VERY OWN SON. This baby would be GOD WITH US! And 700 years later, God's promise

came TRUE! Jesus whose name is EMMANUEL, which means God with us, was born in Bethlehem!

One day, before Jesus went to the cross, He rode into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. In those days the donkey was an animal upon which **KINGS** rode. Well, about 500 to 600 years **BEFORE** Jesus rode into Jerusalem that day, God had the prophet Zechariah write this about Jesus:

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."



Zechariah 9:9 KJB

Then about 500 or 600 years later Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey **EXACTLY** as God said He would 500 or 600 years earlier! Matthew 21:1-11 says so! No matter how **LONG** God takes to keep His promises, He **ABSOLUTELY KEEPS EVERY ONE!** So if you have been waiting for God to do something that He has promised **YOU** personally there from His written Word as you read it each day, do **NOT** get tired & weary of waiting. God **WILL** do **EVERYTHING HE'S PROMISED YOU!** The prophecies that Jesus fulfilled **PROVE** to us that we can **TRUST GOD** to do **EVERYTHING** He promises! Your job is to **LEARN HIS PROMISES & KEEP READING YOUR BIBLE.** Listen with your heart to what He tells **YOU** personally there from **THE BIBLE & TRUST His PROMISES!**

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From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.



From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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