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I AM

THE PROMISE *KEEPER*

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BOOK ONE

INTRODUCTION: I AM THE PROMISE KEEPER

"I AM that I AM"

*"God's promises will expire (in the **twinkling** of an eye) between our last breath and our entrance into eternity."*

I do not know about you, but I get a few gift cards throughout the year. There is always some celebration awaiting the turning of the calendar month. Back in the dark ages, I received shirts and ties, but now it is the free stack of gift cards awaiting their redemption.

God's promises are a lot like gift cards that are left unused. He has made a lot of promises to us, and we need to take hold of those promises. If you think about it, Christmas has a lot to do with guarantees.

Going back to the very beginning, God promised Adam and Eve that a Deliverer would come one day. God pledged to Isaiah that a virgin would conceive and give birth to the Savior. And God promised Mary she would give birth to that Savior. The angel Gabriel even affirmed this, saying, *"For the word of God will never fail"* (Luke 1:37 NLT).

God wants us to know that He keeps His promises. He certainly kept His promise with Mary, and she was surprised and humbled that God chose her.

Sometimes I will come across a gift card that I forgot about for a place I like. I am excited to discover that I have that gift card. I am also amazed that I have not used it yet.

Like God's gifts, they are just sitting there in the Bible, waiting for us to take hold and apply them to our life. But if we do not read the Word, we will not know God's promises. We need to read them, believe them, apply them, and start living these promises out.

GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

God has made many promises that He intends to keep. They are not without action on our part. Designed to bless us, assuming we meet His conditions. Those seeking to utilize any promise should be Seeking Him, Walking with Him, Living in Him, and Obeying Him.

There are over *3,000 promises* in the Bible and finding one for any need is possible with God's guidance. However, we must believe in faith that God will fulfill His promises. Then we apply the principles of scripture to receive the benefits of His blessings. It is not enough

to read a promise, name it and claim it, expecting God to apply it in your life. Promises are not God's "*Blab It and Grab It Doctrine*"! God does not play that game!

GOD WILL MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH TO BLESS YOU

God's omnipotent power behind His Promises and Principles cannot be stopped by human force. Nothing on this earth or in the universe, whether visible or invisible, can prevent what God has promised for those who are His children. His promises are sure and true. If God wants to bless you, nothing will hinder His blessings. "*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*" (Romans 8:31).

We can trust in them, lean upon them, apply them, and have the assurance that what God promises, He delivers through His effectual power to bring to pass all that His Word proclaims. It was by His Word that the universe came into existence, "*For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm*" (Psalm 33:9), and "*we understand that the universe was created by the Word of God*" (Hebrews 11:3).

Absolute belief in God's Word is mandatory for every believer. Jesus is dead serious about His Word; in fact, He died to keep His Word.

We so often try to assemble something without the owner's manual. God, in His divine wisdom, has supplied us instructions within the pages of scripture. Who better to teach us than the *author and finisher* of our faith (Jesus) in all doctrinal truths?

Believing our Lord has a divine purpose behind every promise will help us to respond based upon scriptural truth and not our feelings. With every Promise brings opportunities and responsibilities. God is more concerned about our *character* than our *comfort*. *His goal is not to pamper us physically but to perfect us spiritually.*

Jesus Christ declared, "*I have come. In the volume of the book, it is written of Me.*" Therefore, Scripture should always be at the *threshold of every decision* we face. For it is *God's Mind Written Down*. It is like *Jesus reciting Himself*.

In human terms, promises are easily broken. In God's terms, they are a sure thing. Knowing what God has promised us and how he keeps his promises gives us assurance, hope, and peace.

May God led you to discover the promises He intended for your life. Might God's Word bless you, keep you, and be a light unto your path.

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