

*Our God is a promise-keeping God. For more encouragement, sign up for our next Online Bible Study. Related Resources: Finding I AM by Lysa TerKeurst.*

From epaggello; an announcement. Life, both of physical present and of spiritual particularly future existence. A primary preposition denoting position, and instrumentality, i. Anointed One; the Messiah, the Christ. From chrio; Anointed One, i. The Messiah, an epithet of Jesus. Apart from any merit or work of his own, God chose him for the office. He neither aspired to it nor wished for it. The reference to the Almighty will in this Epistle is singularly in harmony with the spirit of calm resignation which breathes through it. It was that sovereign will which chose him as an Apostle, which guided him all through that eventful life of his, and which brought him to the prison of the Caesar, where, face to face with death, he wrote this last letter to his friend and disciple Timothy. According to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus. Almost the first words of an Epistle, written evidently under the expectation of death, dwell upon the promise of life--the life which knows no ending--the life in Christ. The central point of all Evangelical preaching was the true, blessed life eternal, that life which, in the person of the Redeemer, was revealed to man, and which, through the Redeemer, is offered to the sinner. Pulpit Commentary Verse 1. The life is a little clearer than life, as showing that "life" not "promise" is the antecedent to "which. Matthew Henry Commentary 1: The blessings here named, are the best we can ask for our beloved friends, that they may have peace with God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Whatever good we do, God must have the glory. True believers have in every age the same religion as to substance. Their faith is unfeigned; it will stand the trial, and it dwells in them as a living principle. Thus pious women may take encouragement from the success of Lois and Eunice with Timothy, who proved so excellent and useful a minister. Some of the most worthy and valuable ministers the church of Christ has been favoured with, have had to bless God for early religious impressions made upon their minds by the teaching of their mothers or other female relatives.

**Chapter 2 : God Is A Promise Keeping God Sermon by Frederick Baker II, Genesis - calendrierdelascience**

*In this series, we will witness how God restored and renewed the people of God back in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. 3. And as we witness the way God kept His promises and worked in their lives, we will be assured that God will continue to keep His promises and work in our lives today.*

Dear Thomas Patrick, On the occasion of your Confirmation I wish to offer the sage and time-honored advice of a saint. Ambrose, a bishop and theologian from the 4th century. His words are worthy of repeating here. My prayer for you, as your Godmother and Sponsor, would be that your reception of this important sacrament would mirror the words of St. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts. It will have many effects. Your Confirmation roots you more deeply as a son of God, and it strengthens your prayer to "Our Father," the same Father in Heaven that you can call "Abba" as Jesus did, or "Daddy. Remember that Jesus was called the Son of God, right? By the gift of grace, in and through your baptism long ago, you were made a child of God too. Now your sonship is being taken to a new level. In Confirmation, you, the beloved son, will give your own "yes" to God in and through your Profession of Faith in the Creed. And moments later you will receive the next measure of grace that Our Father wants to pour out on you. You will be marked with a sign—the bishop will use holy oil to anoint your head. And as he does, God will anoint your soul with an indelible mark that can never be erased. You belong to Him. The gifts of the Holy Spirit that Ambrose talks about will not only strengthen your identity as a Catholic, they will give you new power to be a Christian—not in name only—but in word and deed. For the gifts of the Spirit empower you to be a witness for Christ in your family, among your peers, and wherever you go in the world. My prayer is that you take St. Ambrose at his word and guard what you have received. God has already provided you with the graces and strength of this sacrament to weather storms of doubt, confusion, frustration, or heartache. Call on God and rely on Him when these times come. Ambrose is a saint for a reason. For years Ambrose fought heresy against his fellow Catholics—a very hard predicament! Yet he never resorted to violence. Ambrose fought for truth and against corruption in the culture of his day, standing up for God and ransoming Christians who suffered imprisonment. He used his intellectual gifts and his communication skills. He left a legacy of faith and reason and a life worthy of the calling he had received. Thomas, you will receive much more than will be visible at Confirmation. Trust God and stay close to him. He is very close to you. With love, from your Godmother, Auntie Pat.

**Chapter 3 : The Bible – God’s Love Letter To Our Kids - FaithGateway**

*"God Is A Promise Keeping God" Text: Genesis 14 ¶ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.*

The epistle takes us from eternity to eternity, in contemplation of the divine plan. Obviously, God wants us to understand something about his eternal purpose. Ephesians demands our careful attention. Its theme could not be more important. What should we expect from studying this book? If we put our hearts into the inspired letter, we will love God more, and live closer to him. The book of Ephesians begins like many letters of the first century – an identification of the author, the recipients, and a greeting. But this is no ordinary letter. The letter has the authority that Christ gave to his apostles; it is a revelation of the mind of God. Luke His preaching was authoritative – and still is. We are reading what God wants us to know: 3: All Christians are saints. They believed the gospel, obeyed it, and continuously lived in it. Together, the faithful are his body, the church. But the words take on fuller meaning in the Christian context. When used of God it refers to the favor bestowed in our interest, which is undeserved. God is praiseworthy because of his grace bestowed freely, but not unconditionally. This favor is priceless and saving. If God were not gracious, we would have no hope. Grace is coupled with peace. Grace is what God bestows; peace is the result of those who receive grace. We cannot be at peace with God without receiving his grace. We have peace with God and remain in his grace when we are justified through obedience to the gospel. Romans 5: The source of spiritual life is God, our heavenly Father. He is Father of all – as Creator. Acts Also, he is Father of the saved – as Redeemer. cf. The second sense is used here. Jesus Christ is also the source of spiritual life. He is the means by which God gives eternal life to those who obey him. Ephesians 1: He reigns in a domain where only deity belongs. Having taken on flesh for the redemptive work, he accomplished the eternal purpose of God – to bring grace and peace to undeserving and miserable humanity. A good example is Colossians. This motif is also found in Ephesians, but it does not occur until 1: God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. When the apostle John peered into heaven, he witnessed an anthem of praise: God, because of his nature, blesses us. He is, therefore, worthy of praise. Psalm He chose to bless us in Christ because that is his nature. We ought, therefore, to praise him. God revealed to us our origin, nature, sinful state, needs, purpose, and the way of salvation. Salvation is redemption by God. It is accomplished by the in-our-place death of Jesus Christ. And we must submit to him. Hebrews 5: Sin is the problem, and salvation in Christ is the solution. This construction is only found in Ephesians. Paul uses this group of words four more times. We acknowledge the existence of spiritual realities, spiritual influences, and spiritual goals. Life is more than the physical. The spiritual realm is the place in which God gives all spiritual blessings. It is the essence of life. As Paul identifies some specific spiritual blessings, he says God "chose us. But what is the nature of this predestination? And is it conditional or unconditional? Did he determine who would be believers and who would be unbelievers? Consider the following biblical truths. We also see the continuous pleading of God for men to believe and obey him. cf. It is incredulous to think that God would plead with men who allegedly could not believe. Since people can and must respond to the preaching of the gospel, the Lord commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature. Mark The ones who submit to it will be saved. God did not decide who would believe and who would disobey. He did, however, determine that those who would believe would be saved. God chose Christ. 1 Peter 1: But Christ exercised his own freewill in the redemptive plan. John If we want to share in the glory God chose for the saved, we must submit to his conditions. We know, however, of our many imperfections and weaknesses. He is our Father. A child of God receives his love. 1 John 3: A child of God will share in the glory of the Son. Romans 8: God freely bestowed his grace in Christ, the Beloved. 1: He has done what we never could do on our own. John 3: Grace is not, however, unconditional. We can be forgiven of our sins. 1: Apostolic preaching required a human response. It contains the idea of the payment of a ransom. The blood of Christ is the purchase-price for our salvation. Acts Together, these terms vividly express to us the idea of being released from the penalty of sin. How precious it is to be forgiven. God has not left us in the dark. He

has, according to his eternal purpose in Christ, revealed his will 3: It is a wonderful blessing to know the nature and destiny of his plan – the mystery of his will 1: But his will was not fully disclosed in the beginning; it unfolded progressively. We have this blessing. The knowledge of his saving plan – as revealed in the Christian dispensation – should not go unappreciated. Think of what we know that was unknown in Old Testament times. Consider that life and immortality are brought to light through the gospel 2 Timothy 1: It means that which was hidden. It indicates that the eternal purpose was undiscoverable by man. However, God has revealed the unknowable to us. The patriarchs were promised. Thus the apostle identifies the universal scope of the mystery cf. This does not mean, however, that all will be saved cf. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes Romans 1: Another aspect of this blessing – what God has revealed to us – is the disclosure concerning the future. This involves both the duration of our heavenly habitation and the dignity that will be assigned to the saved. The Lord reveals to us that heaven is forever. The plan – that the Lord has now disclosed in the gospel – also includes the dignity that will be assigned to his redeemed children. Christians will be "conformed to the image of his Son. This is the hope of glory Colossians 1: What God has made known to us is so wonderful.

### Chapter 4 : Psalm (KJV) - For this God is our

*Some take the word "today" to speak of the "day" of God's eternal decree, when Christ was declared to be the Son of God and begotten (John Walvoord, Jesus Christ Our Lord [Moody Press], p. 41). Since the decree is eternal, Christ's Sonship is eternal.*

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### Chapter 5 : XYZ - Letter To God CD Album

*Our Promise Keeping God. The following are excerpts from plenary addresses delivered at this year's Philadelphia Conference on Reformation Theology.*

There are many promise in the Bible that God has made to His people. You can find a promise in every book many of them have been fulfilled already. Just in the passages of scripture I have chosen to use in the sermon all of them but one has been fulfilled. Let us take a look at these passages of scripture that I have chosen to see what they are and how they have been kept. We see from our text that God Himself made a promise to the Serpent that one day even though Satan the Serpent would do he best to bruise the heel of man, God would ultimately give a bruise to the head Satan that would never heal. We find that after the fall of the human race things just went from bad to worse and eventually God had enough of it and flooded the earth with water. We read of this in Genesis chapter seven verse one through verse twenty-four. Everything was destroyed except Noah, his family, and two of all animals except for those God considered clean there were seven of each. After the flooding of the whole earth God then made a covenant with Noah and all of creation. This covenant that was made can be found in Genesis chapter eight verse twenty through Genesis chapter nine verse seventeen. The covenant was made by a rainbow being placed in the sky so all could see, and this covenant was a promise to all that the whole world would never be flooded again with water. The third promise we are going to look at is that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Hebrews chapter thirteen verse five says: And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. A forth promise we are going to look at is He gives us rest. Are you tired and weary this morning? Then Matthew chapter eleven verse twenty-eight says it best. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He restoreth my soul: The last promise we are going to look at is a home for all eternity in Heaven for those who are repared. John chapter fourteen verses one through three says: I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

### Chapter 6 : Thank You Letters

*Our God Of Promise The entire Christian life is built on promises, including those for eternal life and resurrection. In this message, Dr. Stanley explains why we know God will keep His promisesâ€”because He is truthful, faithful, immutable, and loving.*

We only have two more in stock. I never would have guessed. The company will remain the same. You have my personal guarantee. But I am here to tell you that the God that we read about in the Bible is someone who can be trusted. I am here to tell you that when the God of the Bible makes a promise, He keeps it! God zealously protects the integrity of His Word and wants us to have confidence in the Word. Today we are beginning a new sermon series on the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. In this series, we will witness how God restored and renewed the people of God back in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. And as we witness the way God kept His promises and worked in their lives, we will be assured that God will continue to keep His promises and work in our lives today. As we begin our study, let me begin by saying that Ezra and Nehemiah are historical books. Perhaps many of you enjoy studying history, others of you may find history to be boring. Some people define history as the story of civilizations, or that history is the reciting of the rise and fall of peoples and nations. All of this would be true, of course, but what I propose to do is to show that history is something more than the rise and fall of civilizations and the story of cultures and the recounting of wars. So when we come to the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, we see that their purpose is to give us more than just secular history â€” they reveal a spiritual history or a theological history. Setting the Stage for the Story of Ezra A. Derek Kidner, in his commentary, sets the historical stage well for us, identifying what is happening in the book of Ezra: It was a death to make way for a rebirth. A millennium before this, Israel had been transplanted to Egypt, to emerge no longer a family but a nation. Now her long night in Babylon was to mark another turning-point, so that she emerged no longer a kingdom but a little flock with the makings of a church. This is the point at which the book of Ezra begins.

Chapter 7 : How to Keep a Promise: 7 Steps (with Pictures) - wikiHow

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To prepare for the ceremony, she excitedly described how she was going through the process of picking a personal life verse for her son and her daughter. With great enthusiasm, she handed me page after page of computer printouts filled with Bible verses that she is prayerfully considering choosing for her kids. This encounter left me thinking about how important it is for our children to personally hear from God from their earliest days. We want our kids to know that God loves them beyond measure. We want them to grow up understanding who they are in Christ. I want them to turn to their Bibles whenever they need inspiration and encouragement. For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. This beautiful book is filled with the warm and inviting illustrations of Rachel Clowes, but what makes this book and all of the other books in this series truly stand out is the gift of a letter that accompanies each story. Each letter reinforces a key message from the Bible story and contains a vital truth that our children need to hear. For instance, in the story Eve: Even if you make some bad choices, like Eve did, talk to me about it. I will cover you with love and forgiveness, just like I covered Eve. As a young girl, I always got extremely excited when I received a personal letter from someone I love. In a day and age where handwritten letters are a rarity, can you imagine how delighted your child will be to receive a personal letter from God “ and how much of an impact the enduring biblical truths contained in these letters will have on their precious lives? This Bible study provides the perfect opportunity for us to prepare for story time with our kids, learn and grow with them, and share and bond with other moms we meet! Finally “ if you want to share a fun craft activity with your kids “ why not gather some paper and markers and invite your children to respond to God by writing love letters to Him? Do you have a special Bible verse that you hold near and dear to your heart? Sharing Ramona Vincent Ramona is an inspirational writer, paper crafter and community builder who uses her creative gifts to positively impact the people and pets around her. She founded Create With Joy as a place to celebrate creativity “ share books, crafts and recipes “ and connect with other bloggers. Follow Ramona Vincent on:

**Chapter 8 : 7 Ways to Really Keep Your Promises**

*There are days we need to lay our lifeless bodies and exhausted souls in the mighty arms of our promise keeping God. Sometimes we think can be good enough, keep it all together, and work hard enough to fix our situations.*

Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars. But it does bother us greatly when someone we love and trust fails to keep an important promise. Most of us have had the experience of being disappointed with God. We trusted Him for something that we thought He had promised, but it did not work out as we had hoped. Whenever that happens, it is we, not God, who were mistaken. We somehow failed to understand or properly apply His promises. To be mistaken here would be eternally fatal! The promise given We have here only a synopsis of what undoubtedly was a much longer message. His main idea is: The sermon was delivered at the synagogue in what is called Pisidian Antioch, in modern Turkey. It was about miles inland, at 3, feet elevation. To get there, Paul and Barnabas had to go through some dangerous mountain passes, infested with robbers. Since Paul was a disciple of the renowned rabbi, Gamaliel, the synagogue officials gave him the opportunity to bring the sermon. They had to be surprised at what he said! By His grace, God promised His chosen people to send a Savior Paul begins by addressing both the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles in the congregation. He starts with facts that every Jew would have known and agreed with: God chose the patriarchs; He delivered their descendants from Egypt; He gave them the land of Canaan; and, He chose David as their king Bruce, The Book of Acts [Eerdmans], p. Up through verse 22, every head in the synagogue was nodding in agreement with Paul. Perhaps observing a ripple of shock sweep through the room, Paul quickly goes back to John the Baptist, the forerunner of whom Malachi prophesied. Since John was highly regarded in most Jewish circles, Paul shows that John did not regard himself as Messiah, but rather affirmed that he was not worthy to untie the sandals of the one coming after him. Paul weaves three themes into this brief sketch of history: God is sovereignly moving all of history according to His purpose to fulfill His promise of salvation. God began the process by choosing Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Then, God made the people great during their stay in Egypt. God put up with them in the wilderness for 40 years. Continuing, Paul mentions that God destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan Deut. God distributed their land as an inheritance. The years refers to the years of captivity in Egypt, the 40 years in the wilderness, and ten years of conquering most of Canaan. Then God gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. In response to their request to be like the other nations, God gave them Saul as king. The Old Testament text is obviously corrupt when it reports on the chronology 1 Sam. It was God who removed Saul and God who raised up David. Paul continues the same theme throughout the rest of the sermon. In verse 26, it is clearly God who sent out the word of this salvation. In verse 27, the wicked rulers in Jerusalem, who did not recognize Jesus or the words of the prophets, nonetheless fulfilled those very words of God by condemning Jesus. Verse 29 makes the same point: God raised Him from the dead God has fulfilled this promise He hammers the theme home: God is in control of history. All of this should give us great comfort, especially when things in our world seem to be running out of control. He promised to send the Savior, and He did it in spite of the many failings of His people and the strong opposition of His enemies. That leads to the second theme that Paul weaves through his sermon: Why did He choose Abraham? Scripture is clear that it was not because Abraham first decided to choose God. No, Abraham was a pagan idolater, living in a pagan nation, when God in sovereign grace revealed Himself to Abraham and called him to move to Canaan Josh. There was nothing of merit in Abraham to make him the recipient of such grace. If grace is contingent on anything in us, including our choice of God, it is no longer grace Rom. But God graciously brought them into the land and destroyed the nations that were living there. In spite of the wickedness of His people, God graciously gave them judges and then sent His word through Samuel the prophet. While they were wrong to ask for a king, God graciously both granted their request and chastened them by giving them Saul. Then He graciously raised up David. But in spite of these failures, God graciously sent the Savior through the offspring of this man, according to His gracious promise. God initiated the process with His promise, He moved all history to accomplish it, and He brings it to individuals who are rebels deserving of His judgment. It is all from His grace, to the praise of the glory of His grace! God is

moving all of history to culminate in Jesus the Savior. Paul is showing that Jesus Christ is the goal and culmination of history. God purposed to sum up all things in heaven and earth in Christ Eph. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Paul sums this up in his great doxology in Romans To Him be the glory forever. All of the Old Testament was written to point forward to Jesus Christ. He fulfilled hundreds of prophecies, some of which Paul cites in the next section of his sermon. All of the New Testament centers on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Paul here anticipates and answers two questions that he knew his audience would be thinking. In answer to the first question, Paul shows that the Jewish leaders rejected Jesus because they did not recognize Him when He came Surely, he would be a great soldier or statesman. He would be trained in the rabbinic schools. He would come from a prominent family and have prestige and influence in society. Jesus had none of these and so they did not recognize Him. They heard the words and they even memorized great portions of Scripture. But they did not understand it. This is not to absolve the wicked men who killed Him of their responsibility. But it is to exalt God, who is able to use the most wicked deeds of the most wicked men to accomplish His sovereign purpose, and yet hold them guilty for all the terrible things that they do. Paul also emphasizes that God overruled their wicked killing of Jesus by raising Him from the dead. As with all apostolic witness in Acts, the resurrection of Jesus is central. Paul mentions the many witnesses who saw the risen Jesus over many days Support for this view is Romans 1: First he cites Isaiah A dead Messiah could not fulfill the promised blessing to David, to have one of his descendants sit on his throne forever 2 Sam. Only a perpetually living Messiah could do that. Then, as Peter did at Pentecost, Paul cites Psalm He had kept that promise by sending Jesus, the son of David, in fulfillment of the prophecies given hundreds of years before. God raised Jesus from the dead, also in accordance with several prophecies. Then comes the bottom line: God offers forgiveness of sins and justification to everyone who believes in Jesus But Paul boldly states what he develops at length in his epistles to the Galatians and to the Romans, that right standing with God can never come through the law. If anyone had tried to keep it, it was Paul Phil. It refers to more than our sins being taken away through forgiveness. It refers to God declaring us righteous in His sight through the merits of Jesus Christ. We stand before Him just as if we had never sinned, because the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us through faith. What a wonderful promise, that our standing before God can change instantly from guilty sinner to justified saint at the moment we put our trust in Jesus as the one who paid our penalty on the cross! Paul quotes Habakkuk 1: The implication is, just as God surely carried out that judgment, so He will bring destruction on you if you scoff at His gracious promise of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Some who claim to be evangelical theologians argue that hell will not be eternal punishment. Rather, they say that God will annihilate the wicked after they have served an appropriate sentence.

## Chapter 9 : Praise the Lord - A Study of Ephesians : Christian Courier

*In Glenys' latest book, Love Letters From God: Bible Stories For A Girl's Heart, she features the stories of 14 amazing women from the Bible - women that our kids can learn numerous life lessons from!*