

GOD'S PROMISES GIVE LIFE AND POWER

*The Bible overflows with God's "exceedingly great and precious promises" (2 Pet. 1:4).
May these quotes inspire you to open His Word and claim it as your very own.*

1. "Every promise in the Word of God is for us. In your prayers, present the pledged word of Jehovah and by faith claim His promises. His word is the assurance that if you ask in faith, you will receive all spiritual blessings. Continue to ask, and you will receive exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think. **Educate yourself to have unlimited confidence in God.** Cast all your care upon Him. Wait patiently for Him, and He will bring it to pass." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 71)
2. "The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. **Every command is a promise;** accepted by the will, received into the soul, **it brings with it the life of the Infinite One.** It transforms the nature and re-creates the soul in the image of God." (*Education*, p. 126)
3. "In every command and in every promise of the word of God is the power, the very life of God, by which the command may be fulfilled and the promise realized. He who by faith receives the word is receiving the very life and character of God." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 39)
4. "Receive into the soul by faith the incorruptible seed of the word, and it will bring forth a character and a life after the similitude of the character and the life of God." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 39)
5. "all His biddings are enablings". (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 333)
6. "We are to come to God, not in a spirit of self-justification, but with humility, repenting of our sins. He is able to help us, willing to do for us more than we ask or think. He has the abundance of heaven wherewith to supply our necessities. . . . God is holy, and we must pray, 'lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting' (1 Tim. 2:8)." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 71)
7. "For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, **for any gift that He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received.** We need look for no outward evidence of the blessing. The gift is in the promise, and we may go about our work assured that what God has promised He is able to perform, and that the gift, which we already possess, will be realized when we need it most." (*Education*, p. 258)
8. "God stands back of every promise He has made." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 147)
9. "Can you not trust in your heavenly Father? Can you not rest upon His gracious promise? . . . Can we not have implicit trust, knowing that He is faithful who hath promised? I entreat you to let your trembling faith again grasp the promises of God. **Bear your whole weight upon them with unwavering faith; for they will not, they cannot, fail.**" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, p. 497)
10. "Let these blessed promises, set in the framework of faith, be placed in memory's halls. Not one of them will fail. All that God hath spoken He will do. 'He is faithful that promised.'" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 630)

11. "How I wish that we might all believe in the promises of God. . . . We are not to look into our hearts for a joyful emotion as an evidence of our acceptance with Heaven, but we are to take God's promises and say, 'They are mine. The Lord is letting His Holy Spirit rest upon me. I am receiving the light; for the promise is, "Believe that ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them."' By faith I reach within the veil and lay hold of Christ, my strength. I thank God that I have a Savior.'" (*Signs of the Times*, Mar. 25, 1889).
12. "Think of Christ. Look to Him in faith, believing His promises. Keep your mind trustful. He will be your stay. Lean on Him, depend on Him. . . . Put your trust in One whose arm will never fail you. . . . looking to Jesus you will find encouragement." (*Selected Messages*, vol. 2, p. 265)
13. "Instead of thinking of your discouragements, think of the power you can claim in Christ's name. . . . Let your thoughts be directed to the evidences of the great love of God for you. Faith can endure trial, resist temptation, and bear up under disappointment. Jesus lives as our advocate. All is ours that His mediation secures. . . . **All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us.**" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 488, 489)
14. "The enemy never can take out of the hand of Christ the one who is simply trusting in His promises." (*Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 351)
15. "The children of God may rejoice in all things and at all times. When troubles and difficulties come, believing in the wise providence of God, you may rejoice. **You need not wait for a happy flight of feelings, but by faith you may lay hold of the promises and lift up a hymn of thanksgiving to God.**" (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 123)
16. "There are many who, though striving to obey God's commandments, have little peace or joy. This lack in their experience is the result of a failure to exercise faith. They walk, as it were, in a salt land, a parched wilderness. They claim little, when they might claim much; for there is no limit to the promises of God. Such ones do not correctly represent the sanctification that comes through obedience to the truth. The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. Through the exercise of faith the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 200)
17. "The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth or the favor of men. They are those victories that are **gained in the audience chamber with God**, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power." (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 203)
18. "Those who are unwilling to forsake every sin and to seek earnestly for God's blessing, will not obtain it. But all who will lay hold of God's promises as did Jacob, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. 'Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily' (Luke 18:7, 8)." (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 203)
19. "It is in these promises that Christ communicates to us His grace and power. They are leaves from the tree which is 'for the healing of the nations' (Revelation 22:2). Received, assimilated, they are to be the strength of the character, the inspiration and sustenance of the life. Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and faith which give vital energy to the whole being." (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 122)

20. "We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving His promises. **Angels record every prayer that is earnest and sincere.** We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God. The deepest poverty, the greatest self-denial, with His approval, is better than riches, honors, ease, and friendship without it." (*The Great Controversy*, p. 622)
21. "By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan? By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist temptation. 'It is written,' He said. . . . Every promise in God's word is ours. 'By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God' are we to live. **When assailed by temptation, look not to circumstances or to the weakness of self, but to the power of the Word. All its strength is yours.** 'Thy word,' says the psalmist, 'have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.' 'By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer' (Psalm 119:11; 17:4)." (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 123)
22. "Should you sit always in one position, without moving, your muscles would become strengthless and your limbs would lose the power of motion. The same is true in regard to your religious experience. You must have faith in the promises of God. . . . Faith will perfect itself in exercise and activity." (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 104)
23. [Referring to faith as a grain of mustard seed] "If you have faith like this, you will lay hold upon God's Word, and upon all the helpful agencies He has appointed. Thus your faith will strengthen, and will bring to your aid the power of heaven. The obstacles that are piled by Satan across your path, though apparently as insurmountable as the eternal hills, shall disappear before the demand of faith. 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you.'" (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 431)
24. "The mother of Augustine prayed for her son's conversion. **She saw no evidence that the Spirit of God was impressing his heart, but she was not discouraged.** She laid her finger upon the texts, presenting before God His own words, and pleaded as only a mother can. Her deep humiliation, her earnest importunities, her unwavering faith, prevailed, and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. Today He is just as ready to listen to the petitions of His people. 'His hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;' and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, He will fill their mouths with arguments, and for His name's sake will **work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children.**" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, pp. 322, 323)
25. "Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah." (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 143)
26. "True faith lays hold of and claims the promised blessing before it is realized and felt." (*Early Writings*, p. 72)
27. "We have too little faith. We limit the Holy One of Israel. We should be grateful that God condescends to use any of us as His instruments. For every earnest prayer put up in faith for anything, answers will be returned. They may not come just as we have expected; but they will come, not perhaps as we have devised, but at the very time when we most need them. But, oh, how sinful is our unbelief! 'If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you'" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 209)