

2 Peter 1:4 (NIV) He (God) has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Promise: a guaranteed invitation backed by God's character and faithfulness.

Joshua 21:45 (NIV) ⁴⁵ Not one of all the LORD's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

√ God _____ keeps His promises.

The Promise Keeper

Numbers 23:19 (NIV) 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?

Malachi 3:6 (NIV) ⁶ "For I *am* the LORD, I do not change

Hebrews 13:8 (NIV) ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

James 1:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

√ God's _____ are unchangeable because ____ is unchangeable.

Unchangeable Promises

Hebrews 6:16-19 (NLT) ¹⁶ Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. ¹⁷ God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. ¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

"His Promise" - God's _____

"His Oath" - God's _____ to fulfill His Promise.

√ Even when our circumstances change, God's promise

_____.

Willing and able to Perform

Romans 4:18-21 (NLT) ¹⁸ Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" ¹⁹ And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. ²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.

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Matthew 8:1-3 (NIV) ² A man with leprosy ¹ came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." ³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

√ God _____ to and is _____ to perform ____ of His promises.

Becoming Fully Convinced

1. I need to _____ God's promises.

1 Chronicles 17:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ LORD. For the sake of your servant and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made known all these great promises.

2. I need to _____ God's promises.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV) ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

3. I need to _____ God's promises.

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Psalm 119:140 (NIV) ¹⁴⁰ Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them.

Psalm 119:147-148 (NIV) ¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word. ¹⁴⁸ My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises.