

The Promises of God Pt 2.

The Promiser and the Promisee

KJG 2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Every promise God made to a nation, family or person concerning His Grace and Mercy are found and received through Christ Jesus!

A Promise is a guarantee beforehand that a benefit is to be given; it's a pledge to either do or not do something. It gives the person to whom the promise is made the right to claim the promise and expect the promiser to perform what was promised.

The Promiser is the one who makes the promise and the **Promisee** is the one to whom the promise is made!

For the Believer Jehovah God is The Promiser and a promise is only as good as the one making the promise.

NIV Psalm 115:1-8 Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

2 Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

4 But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

5 They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see;

6 they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell;

7 they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

8 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

Idols are manmade statues, figurines, amulets or trinkets that represent a patron spirit.

A **patron spirit** is a master spirit that controls a skill, an element, a virtue or is used for protection.

The manmade **idol** is not the spirit: it represents the spirit and is a point of contact with that spirit!

People worshipped idols because at times these fallen spirits would animate and inhabit these idols and perform supernatural acts.

But there were no guarantees these spirits would animate these idols or provide supernatural help to their worshippers.

NIV 1 Kings 18:21 Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

22 Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets.

Elijah goes on to say "[Let's see whose God is God](#)"!

[Ya'll do your thing and call on your god and afterward I'll call on my God and let's agree the God that answers by fire is God!](#)

26 So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "O Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

27 At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened."

28 So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed.

29 Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

Baal did not answer his followers—[after their dancing, shouting, cutting themselves until blood flowed and prophesying](#)—[there was no response](#).

Baal was the god of fertility! [He promised](#) to make the land and the people fruitful.

[But Baal couldn't keep his promise!](#)

[He couldn't stop the drought, He couldn't answer the people!](#)

NIV 1 Kings 18:30-34 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins.

31 Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel."

32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed.

33 He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

34 "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time.

1 Kings 18:36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.

The **first thing** Elijah does is call the people over to him! He moves them away from false gods and idol worship!

The **second thing** he does is remind the people who they are by gathering 12 stones one for each tribe of Israel!

Reminding them their name was Israel—prince with God!

Trust God, remember who He is and who He made you to be!

The **third thing** Elijah does is take the stones and build an altar in the name of The LORD!

This speaks of **prayer, praise and worship!**

- When we truly trust God to keep His promises we **pray, praise & worship Him!**

The church has to get back to the place of **serious prayer!**

- When we trust God to keep His promises—we **praise Him** for them!

The church has to get back to the place of **praise!**

- When we truly trust God to keep His promises we **worship!** We willingly give of our time, talents and treasure to God!

The **fourth thing** Elijah does is **dig a trench** that could hold **4 gallons** of water.

He puts the **wood in order**, he **cuts the bull into pieces** he lays it on the **wood**, fills **4 large jars of water** and he **pours them on the wood and the offering**. Has them pour the water on the offering **3 times**.

There are **7 procedures** Elijah goes through in the **fourth step** alone!

➤ He goes through all of this **before** he calls on God, before he offers prayer, praise or worship!

But the worshippers of Baal go right into dancing, singing, shouting and prophesy!

Don't miss it! They danced, sang, shouted, prophesy and cut themselves and bled over everything and left service wounded with no results!

Could many be ignorantly worshipping God like that?

What Elijah does takes hours of (preparation) hard physical labor before he even comes close to calling on God!

I mean just cutting (hewing) a bull into pieces had to take hours; he didn't have an electric saw folks!

When the **Promisee** has faith in The **Promiser** it's seen in their efforts!

But Our God answered Elijah!

NAS 1 Kings 18:36 Then it came about at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near (the altar) and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word.

37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that Thou, O LORD, art God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again."

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

*39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "**The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.**"*

God promises He will answer us when we call upon Him correctly!

KJV Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

KJV Proverbs 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Law is *Torah* the loving instruction of God!

KJV 1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

KJV Psalm 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

KJV Psalm 86:7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

KJV Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.