

## Promises, Promises!

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Yes, it's another election year and the airwaves are inundated with candidates promising to provide better lives for all of us. The surest way to get elected is to **promise the moon** to the electorate who will then vote **selfishly** for the one most likely to enrich them. Once elected, most officials conveniently forget most, if not all, of the promises made to get elected. The sad thing is that voters have a very short memory. Four years ago is just too long for some to remember the foolish game we play in politics.

I am thankful that God **makes promises** to us and **keeps** them! God promised to Abraham that he would become the father of the faithful, and that in his seed (singular) all nations of the earth would be blessed, Genesis 12:1-3. God kept His promise to Abraham in a way that man could never have done!

God gave Abraham and Sarah a child in their old age. Isaac continued the promise of God through succeeding generations, as each new generation brought forth a son through whom the promise of God to Abraham could continue. Finally, it was realized in the birth of Jesus Christ . . . to the virgin Mary (Matt. 1:18-23). Can **YOU** cause an aged woman to give birth to a child like Sarah did? Can **YOU** cause a virgin to bring forth a child like Mary did? God did *exactly* that in order that He might keep His word! God keeps His promises, no matter what the cost!

So when God **promises** the *obedient* eternal life in heaven after this life, we can trust it will happen! "*For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call*" (Acts 2:39).

*"For when God made a **promise** to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, 'Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.' And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the **promise**" (Heb. 6:13-15). **Endure, and the promise of eternal life can be yours, too!***

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