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John 6:31-40

We like for a man’s word to be his bond.

Jesus was the greatest in this. He made many promises and kept all of them.

At this time we want to notice six places where he promised, “*I will*”.

We can put our faith in these promises.

“I will not cast out”

John 6:37, “*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*”

Jesus promised salvation to those that come to Him on His terms. That power was given Him by His Father in heaven.

- Matt. 17:1-5, “*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”*
- Matt. 28:18, “*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*”
- Heb. 5:9, “*And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*”

It is the faithful believer (follower) that Jesus promised that He will not cast out of a home with Him in heaven.

“I will build my church”

Matt. 16:13-19, “*When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the*

Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

We find from reading the 1st and 2nd chapter of Acts that Jesus kept this promise. Peter delivered the first sermon after Christ established His church, wherein 3000 souls were added.

Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. Individual members would come and go, but the church would always be there; although there would be a remnant when He comes again.

“I will send the Holy Spirit”

- John 16:7, “*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”*
- John 16:13, “*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”*

We also see by reading the 1st and 2nd chapter of Acts that Jesus fulfilled this promise of sending the Holy Spirit to guide the Apostles in all the truth.

We are not guided to add any truth to the word of God, because that duty has already been fulfilled.

- 1 John 2:24, “*Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.”*
- 2 Tim. 3:16-17, “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”*

- 1 Thess. 5:21, “*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*”
- Rev. 22:18-19, “*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*”

The promise of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to guide the word has already been fulfilled.

“I will draw you to me”

John 12:32, “*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*”

This is the magnetic power of Jesus.

- John 6:44-45, “*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*”
- 1 Cor. 1:18, “*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*”

Because Jesus took my sins on the cross with Him and promised an eternal home to the faithful, then certainly I am very grateful and am drawn to listen to His instruction to me how I can get there.

“I will receive you unto myself”

John 14:1-4, “*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. 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. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*”

Jesus had just told His disciples that He was about to lay down His life for those that follow Him. Thus, they were all very saddened by this knowledge. He then comforted them by telling them a mansion awaits them in heaven if they would believe in Him.

Many of the early Christians had to endure a lot of hardship (bearing the cross of Jesus) in their faithfulness to their Lord and Saviour. They were able to do this because of the promise Jesus made to them.

This promise is yet to be fulfilled.

“I will give you rest”

- Matt. 11:28, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*
- Titus 3:7, *“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”*
- 1 Pet. 1:4-5, *“To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”*
- 1 Pet. 1:9, *“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”*
- 1 John 2:25, *“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”*

Conclusion

Remember, Christ has done so much.

He has made many promises. Some He has already kept.

Other promises are yet to be fulfilled, but be assured they will be fulfilled.

