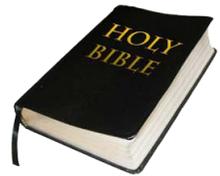


**7 May 2017**

**Sermon Title: THE PROMISES OF GOD**

Taking God at His Word



**Scripture: Isaiah 55 v 11**

**So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.**

**In human terms promises are easily broken. In God's terms they are a sure thing. Knowing what God has promised us and how He keeps His promises gives us *assurance, hope and peace*. *And therefore we can walk by faith* (Mark 11 :22)**

1. **God's faithfulness to His promises**

Kings 8 v 56 - Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel JUST AS HE PROMISED. Not one word has failed of all the good promises He gave through His servant Moses.

2. **Promises are true to God's Nature**

We may have a problem keeping our promises. But God is different. He has all power (Heb 1 v 1-3) and wisdom in the universe at His disposal - He will never have to make an excuse for failure to fulfill what He promised and we have no reason for not believing Him.

By nature God is good, merciful and true to His Word.

3. **Types of Promises**

A. **Unconditional Promises:** Gen 9 v 8-17

2 Sam 7 v 16 - God unconditionally promised King David that his royal line would last forever Matt 1 v 1.

John 16 v 5-15 Promise - Acts 2 fulfilled

Matt 6 v 18 - I will build my Church

B. **Conditional Promises:**

Some promises are like product warranties. They will be fulfilled only when the conditions of the Manufacturer are met (Gen 2 v 16 & 17). The covenant God made with Moses and Israel contained many conditions (Ex 19 v 3-6).

Jonah 3 v 4: Jonah and the people of Nineveh

Condition: That they repent - they did - and were saved.