

I will, I will, I promise I will
or
Thus says the Lord

Intro: We know that we all need help simply to survive in our world. But the world doesn't talk to us and so we often feel alone on our journey. With that in mind, let's look to the one who talks to us through his eternal word and see some of his promises of help for successful living and walking on the highway of life

II Timothy 2:19, says in part that *the foundation of God is sure and that God knows those who are His.*

There are verses in the Psalms that tell us that the testimonies of God are sure. In other words God is sure about those who belong to Him and when He says something to encourage them He will surely do it.

Numbers 23:19 reminds us with these words *God is not a man, that he should lie. He is not a human, that he should change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?*

Passages like these should give us a great deal of comfort and we definitely need some comfort in the face of a nation and world that is becoming increasingly more hostile, not just toward Christianity but toward life itself.

Just what are some of the things God says He will do which can give us comfort? There are 4 things in the book of Isaiah I have found that God says He will do. I hope these will encourage you and give you confidence to carry on in working to reach our community and in simply getting through this life.

I. The Key verse

Isaiah 41:10-13 as written in the MSG version says it well *There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you. "Count on it: Everyone who had it in for you will end up out in the cold— real losers. Those who worked against you will end up empty-handed— nothing to show for their lives. When you go out looking for your old adversaries you won't find them—Not a trace of your old enemies, not even a memory. That's right. Because I, your God, have a firm grip on you and I'm not letting go. I'm telling you, 'Don't panic. I'm right here to help you.'*

Here we have a promise or a divine (I will) in V 10. He says I will help you. We notice a couple others in this verse because He also says I will strengthen you and I will uphold you.

Did you, or do you, ever find yourself in a place where things look so bleak and dark that you wonder if you will ever get thru it? I have found myself in situations like that in my life and just at the right time God has helped me get thru even though I didn't realize it at the time.

If you have or have had, this discouraging experience, remember our passage and remember that it is only God fulfilling what He has promised He would do. Our job is to trust Him in our problems and wait for Him to help us out of those problems. We do need to be alert for ways out but yet realize, that it is God who ultimately helps us.

God won't do our part but he will certainly do His part, or the things we can't do. So the next time you are tired and troubled, just turn to Isaiah. 41:10-13 and read them and allow God to bless and encourage you.

Now lets go to Isaiah 42:6 *"I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, And I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, here the Divine will is*

II. I will hold you by the hand

This passage actually refers to Jesus the Messiah but as followers of Christ it can refer to us today. It says that God had called our Lord and He calls us. Also, I Peter 2:9 says *we are a peculiar people called out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

Did God the Father ever let Jesus, or the cause for which He came, down? No He most certainly didn't. Jesus came to earth for a purpose and that purpose was redemption for mankind. God calls us, as a people, to proclaim that the redemption was provided for all. As we proclaim his purpose, we also gain purpose in our lives as well.

God the Father held his son in the hollow of His hand, so be assured, He will hold us there also. Lets allow this verse to free us in our thinking so we can share Jesus and his concern and power with our friends and neighbors. **Remember** God said I will hold you.

Next we see in Isaiah 57:18 that it says *"I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners,*

III. Here the promise is I will heal thee

In this passage I believe God is trying to point out that He will heal those who were once close to him but have allowed other things to creep in. The Israelite people had many opportunities to follow God yet time after time they left Him.

That's how it is in our lives, How many times have we been revitalized and refreshed in our faith, zeal, and labor for the Lord. Yet how many times have we cooled off as other things have crept in? Notice the key to this healing is in V-15, a contrite and lowly spirit.

God wants to heal, and will heal, the cuts and bruises that we have received while we have been away from Him. However, we must humble ourselves and admit we need to be healed. We should pray that God, in His special and loving way would point out to us where we have erred and are in need of healing.

Note: the beautiful thing about God is this. He hates the actions we pull, but He loves us and wants us to be healed and moving along in victory as we walk life's highway

Finally there is Isaiah 65:24 *"It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."*

IV. I will hear thee

Did you ever get the feeling that no one listens to you or sometimes even cares that you exist? In our dealings, with each other we do have a hard time hearing what another person is saying. I find it difficult sometimes, and if I'm not careful I can listen but not hear.

To hear means to become closely involved with and that is just exactly what God does. We should be encouraged to realize that our heavenly father listens to us and He hears us. He is intimately involved in what we say, feel, and think. God's throne is mercy, not marble We may not listen or hear one another but we need to thank the Lord that He does hear us and that He doesn't fail,

Here we see at least four things God will do

I will help Thee

I will hold Thee

I will heal Thee

I will hear Thee

So next time you get discouraged as you walk this rough and lonely path called life and work, I want you to remember these four promises so that your discouragement can be changed to encouragement, hope, and joy because of the great desires and promises of the one who walks those trails with you.

Before we sign off on our time together, have you ever called out to the Lord to see if he was listening to your cry for help in order to get to heaven when you die? If you have and wondered if he heard you, he did. He heard you and He is saying I want you to go there and spend your forever with me but you need to read a few more lines to get the rest of the picture and the directions.

If you do this you will find that the very Lord who says I will help, hold, heal, and hear you also says I will save you. Here is what he has to say in the way of directions

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God. Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the _____ day of _____ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: _____

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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