

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!

I don't have a problem, I have a PROMISE! God's promises are worth waiting for

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Joshua 24 ¹⁴ "<u>So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly</u>. ...¹⁵ <u>But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord</u>." NLT

Ephesians 2 ¹⁰ We have become his poetry, <u>a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us</u>, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, <u>God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it</u>! TPT

2 Corinthians 5 ⁵ *And this is no empty hope*, for God himself is the one who has prepared us for this wonderful <u>destiny</u>. And to confirm this promise, he has given us the Holy Spirit, like an engagement ring, as a guarantee. ⁶ That's why we're always full of courage. Even while we're at home in the body, we're homesick to be with the Master— ⁷ <u>for we live by faith</u>, not by what we see with our eyes. ⁸ We live with a joyful confidence, yet at the same time we take delight in the thought of leaving our bodies behind to be at home with the Lord. ⁹ <u>So whether we live or die we make it our life's passion to live our lives pleasing to him</u>. ¹⁰ <u>For one day we will all be openly revealed before Christ on his throne so that each of us will be duly recompensed for our actions done in life, whether good or worthless. TPT</u>

Note: vs 10 Or "done in the body" or "time spent in the body." The judgment for our sins fell upon Christ on the cross, and the believer will never be judged for his sins. This judgment (scrutinizing) is for rewards. There will be different levels of reward given to believers after death. For some, there will be no reward, yet they will still be saved.

Hebrews 11 ⁶ And without faith living within us it would be impossible to please God. For we come to God in faith knowing that he is real and that <u>he rewards the faith of those who passionately seek him</u>. TPT

⁶ And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that **he rewards those who sincerely seek him**. NLT

Ephesians 5 32 Marriage is the beautiful design of the Almighty, a great mystery of Christ and his church. TPT

Genesis 1 ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ^{28a} Then God blessed them and said, **Be fruitful and multiply**. Fill the earth and govern it. NLT

Psalm 127 ³ Children are God's love-gift; they are heaven's generous reward. ⁴ Children born to a young couple will one day rise to protect and provide for their parents. ⁵ Happy will be the couple who has many of them! A household full of children will not bring shame on your name but victory when you face your enemies, for your offspring will have influence and honor to prevail on your behalf! TPT

Isaiah 49 ²⁵ But Yahweh says: "The prey will be freed from the mighty warrior and captives will be rescued from a conqueror! **For I will fight with those who fight with you**, **and I myself will save your children**. TPT

Isaiah 54 ¹⁰ Even if the mountains were to crumble and the hills disappear, my heart of steadfast, faithful love will never leave you, and my covenant of peace with you will never be shaken," says <u>Yahweh</u>, <u>whose love and compassion will never give up on you</u>. ¹¹ "You unhappy one, stormtossed and troubled, I am ready to rebuild you with precious stones and embed your foundation with

sapphires. ...¹³ All your children will be taught by Yahweh, and great will be their peace and prosperity. ¹⁴ You will be established in righteousness. Oppression—be far from them! Fear—be far from them! Yes, terror will not come near you, nor will you be afraid. ¹⁵ If anyone dares to stir up strife against you, it is not from me! Those who challenge you will go down in defeat. ... ¹⁷ But I promise you, no weapon meant to hurt you will succeed, and you will refute every accusing word spoken against you. This promise is the inheritance of Yahweh's servants, and their vindication is from me," says Yahweh. TPT

Genesis 12 ¹ The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. NLT

Genesis 15 ¹ Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for <u>I will protect you</u>, <u>and your reward will be great</u>." ... ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for <u>you will have a son of your own who will be your heir</u>." ⁵ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. <u>That's how many descendants you will have!</u>" ⁶ <u>And Abram believed the Lord</u>, <u>and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith</u>. NLT

Genesis 18 ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son." ...¹⁷ "Should I hide my plan from Abraham?" the Lord asked. ¹⁸ "For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. ¹⁹ For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him [as My own], so that he may teach and command his children and [the sons of] his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is righteous and just, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has promised him." NLT/AMP

Genesis 21 ¹ The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. ² She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. ³ And Abraham named their son Isaac. ... ⁵ Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. ⁶ And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. ⁷ Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!" NLT

Genesis 25 ¹⁹ This is how the story of <u>Isaac</u> begins, He was the *beloved* son of Abraham <u>and the successor of Abraham's blessing</u>. ²⁰ <u>When he was forty</u>, <u>he married Rebekah</u>. ²¹ Now, Rebekah was unable to have children, but <u>Isaac pleaded with Yahweh on behalf of his wife</u> because she was barren-and she did get pregnant, for Yahweh responded to Isaac's prayer. ...^{26b} ...so, they named him Jacob. <u>Isaac was sixty when the twins were born</u>. TPT

Note: vs 26 Isaac waited twenty years for God to fulfill the promise of a child. God's promises are worth waiting for.

Romans 4 ³ For the Scriptures tell us, "<u>Abraham believed God</u>, <u>and God counted him as righteous because of his faith</u>." ... ¹⁸ Even when there was no reason for hope, <u>Abraham kept hoping</u>—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" ¹⁹ And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb. ²¹ <u>He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises</u>. ... It was recorded ²⁴ for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. TPT