

The Substance of Promises

Man's proverb - Promises are like pie crusts, lightly made and easily broken.

God's proverb - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen (2 Cr 1:20)

Promise (definition) – In general, a declaration, written or verbal, made by one person to another, which binds the person who makes it to do, or to forbear to do, a specified act; a declaration which gives to the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the performance or forbearance of a specified act.

The word 'promise' is used in the Bible over 100 times, but there are other terms that imply the same thought. Sometimes 'word', 'saying', 'speak', or 'say' indicate a promise.

A mental decision to bestow a benefit does not become a promise until it is _____ to the person it is intended to benefit.

How does God communicate His promises to us? _____

List and discuss reasons why you will believe a promise from another person.

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2 Peter 1:4 says that God has 'given to us exceedingly great and precious promises'. Review the reasons you listed above for believing a promise from another human. Next to each reason, list a scriptural equivalence for believing God's promises. Consider as you complete the exercise who you believe more for the same reasons, man or God.