

THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED

Isaiah 49:23 “. . . I am the LORD; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed.”

If you are typical, you are not able to remember all the times you have been disappointed. As a little child your disappointment came because of a parental promise unkept. In school, your teacher promised an extra recess and then took it away because the class became unruly. Your boss promised a promotion and pay raise, but it never happened. Disappointments are, unfortunately a normal part of life.

Sometimes disappointment comes your way because you did not understand a promise. Your boss promised you the promotion and pay raise with an “if.” “If we have another successful year,” your boss said, “I will promote you and raise your pay.” You heard the words promotion and pay raise, but not the “if.” At the end of the year, when your boss completed the year end numbers, not only was the year not successful, but there was great doubt the company would survive. Your boss couldn’t give you a promotion and pay raise. The “if” turned out to be negative.

“. . . I am the LORD; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed.” (Isaiah 49:23) To understand this word of God you need to know not what you think He promised but what it is He has promised. There are many who have been or are currently disappointed in God because they prayed for healing and remain ill; asked for economic blessings and have grown deeper in debt; or, sought reconciliation with a loved one that has not happened. Does God provide these blessings? Yes, He does! Does He provide these blessings to everyone? No, He does not! That is why Jesus taught us to pray, “Thy will be done.”

Has God given any promises that are iron clad, absolutely certain to end up happening and will be a blessing for you? There is only one promise God has made that will not disappoint you. He first made it to Adam and Eve after they, in disobedience of God, ate the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3:15) He kept His promise that “a virgin would conceive and bear a son by the name of Immanuel [God with us.] (Isaiah 7:14) He kept His promise that through Jesus and His death on the cross pay the terrible payment to God for your sins. (Isaiah 53)

You will not be disappointed in God’s promise given you at your baptism, “whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” (Mark 16:16) You will not be

disappointed in Jesus' promise to you, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown." (Revelation 2:10) Thanks be to God who gives you your victory through your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Prayer: Thank you Lord, for fulfilling and granting me faith to trust in Your promise. Keep me in the true faith to life everlasting. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
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