

# The Promise Keeper

*"We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).*

John 1:41

## Why God makes promises

### 1. To validate Jesus' life

*(700 B.C.) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.*

Isaiah 7:14

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

*(735 B.C.) But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*

Micah 5:2

### 2. To prove His trustworthiness

*This is the family history of Jesus Christ. He came from the family of David, and David came from the family of Abraham.*

Matthew 1:1 NCV

*While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to bring about what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and they will name him Immanuel," which means "God is with us."*

Matthew 1:20-23 NCV

### 3. To give us daily confidence

*Do you want more and more of God's kindness and peace? Then learn to know him better and better. For as you know him better, he will give you, through his great power, everything you need for living a truly good life... he has given us all the other rich and wonderful blessings he promised...*

2 Peter 1:2-4 TLB

## **This Christmas, God promises**

- **To meet all my needs**

*But God even knows how many hairs you have on your head. Don't be afraid. You are worth much more than many sparrows.*

Luke 12:7 NCV

*My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need.*

Philippians 4:19 NCV

- **To heal my hurts**

*[God] heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.*

Psalms 147:3

- **To forgive my past**

*If you use your mouth to say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9

*When people sin, they earn what sin pays—death. But God gives us a free gift—life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23

- **To guarantee my future**

*So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.*

Matthew 6:34 TLB

*Who can say God's people are guilty? No one, because Christ Jesus died, but he was also raised from the dead, and now he is on God's right side, begging God for us. Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? Can troubles or problems or sufferings or hunger or nakedness or danger or violent death?*

Romans 8:34-35 NCV