

Every Promise, Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
2. When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
3. When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
4. Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Confession: Psalm 32

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

To know the meaning of forgiveness, to no longer be plagued by past failures, to stand blameless and guilt-free before God is to be rich indeed.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

When I try to handle my own guilt by ignoring it, rationalizing it, or just running away from it, my life is squeezed dry and I feel empty.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

When I face up to my failures and confess them, when I open my guilt-ridden heart to you, O God, then I realize the blessing of forgiveness.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;

surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble

and surround me with songs of deliverance.

When life’s storms rage you, O Lord, are a place of refuge.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you and watch over you.

Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;

sing, all you who are upright in heart!

The faithful and the faithless both suffer the uncertainties and insecurities of life in this fallen world but the child of God can depend on the love of the Father. There is light in the midst of darkness. There is joy even in sorrow. There is peace regardless of circumstances.

O Lord, forgive all my sins and fill me with your love and peace.

ABSOLUTION

Genesis 6:1–8 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. 5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the

earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

2 Peter 2:1–5 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly...

Luke 17:22–27 And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Everlasting Love

1. What love is this that always gives
And never counts the cost
That beats within the heart of God
With passion for the lost
That lifts me from my wretchedness
And clothes me in His righteousness
Everlasting love, everlasting love,
Everlasting love, Be my joy and my light
2. What love is this that purges fear
And cancels every sin
Yet loves enough to lead me through
The fires of discipline
The suffering that works in me
The jewel of humility
Everlasting love, everlasting love
Everlasting love, Be my comfort and guide

3. What love is this What priceless gift
So freely poured on me
If all the wealth of earth was mine
No richer would I be
The greatest prize to know the King
And know that I am loved by Him
With everlasting love, everlasting love,
Everlasting love Be my hope and my light

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Sermon- Beginnings #4 – *The Rainbow Covenant.*

Prayers

Every Promise of God

1. Every promise of God is fulfilled in the Son. Every word God has spoken will surely be done. And His word knows no bounds, for His love knows no end. Yet, for us it remains to declare the amen.
2. Not a king on this earth, not the prince of the air has been given the power that God gives in prayer. Oh, what gifts God releases, what hope comes to birth when a promise of God meets with faith on the earth.
3. With a promise of God we are given a sword that can cut for the captive a path to the Lord. We can pierce through the shadows till light is revealed. We can cut through the pain till the wounded are healed.
4. Every promise of God is fulfilled in the Son. But the work of believing is only begun. What the Lord has set down let the faithful obey. Let us say in our hearts, “Father, teach us to pray.”