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The Bible is full of wonderful promises such as salvation in Jesus and the hope of eternal life in the New Earth. Yet sometimes we have to wait for these promises to be fulfilled. There are many examples in Scripture of people who had to wait a long time. Abraham was promised numerous descendants yet it was not until he was 100 years old that the promised child was born, at a time when it might seem that it was impossible for the promise to be fulfilled. After he had patiently endured he received the promise (Hebrew 6:15).

To Adam and Eve were given the promise that one of their descendants would be the promised child who would deliver them from Satan (Genesis 3:15), yet it was not until about 4000 years later that Jesus was born.

In the incarnation of Jesus we have a sure assurance that God does fulfill his promises even though they might appear to be delayed. God's purposes know no haste or delay, He brings things to pass in His own time when He knows it is best.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians that the promises of God in him (Christ) are yea and Amen (2 Cor. 1:20). In Christ we see the evidence not only that God keeps His promises but also that our salvation is secure in the one who died and shed his blood for us on the cross. Sometimes feelings can be deceptive, we may not feel that our sins are forgiven or we may doubt that God loves us. Yet the cross stands as evidence of God's love for sinners that He was willing to give His only begotten Son to save us and pay the penalty for our sins and impute to us the righteousness of Christ. The love of God is a mystery.

Paul wrote to the Hebrews that it is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18). We can depend fully on God and His promises. Make yourself acquainted with these promises by reading your Bible. Whatever your burden, place it in the hands of God in prayer claiming His promises. The answer may come in a different way than you expect but the promises are certain. God is too wise to err by giving us everything we ask for, just as a wise parent would not give his/her child everything they wanted. We must remember that all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28).

We are also promised that Jesus will return and make this planet into a paradise - the New Earth (2 Peter 3:13). Even though this may seem to be delayed it will surely come. Amen.

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