

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## The Promise Luke 2:25-38

Promises are such a strange concept – By definition it is to declare the something **will** happen

Yet we live in a world where promises are commonly broken or are empty

Promises have a bad habit of becoming a more of a most likely rather than an assurance

What about promises broken by our own mouth

Broken promises create hopelessness

A better life example

Homework from 16yrs ago

"What I am giving you"

I know I am not perfect, but I have confidence...

We make promises with the best of intentions, but we are not perfect

He **IS** perfect

We are heading towards Christmas the Birth of Jesus Christ

Not a man but rather a fulfilled promise

A **LONG**-awaited promise

One of countless promises from our Heavenly Father.

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### **Luke 2:25-38**

Simeon and Anna;

Simeon had a personal promise from the Lord  
Anna's promise was the written promises from the Lord

- Lived in hopeful **expectation** of the Messiah being born
- Lived in worship even **before** the promise was fulfilled
- Praised and testified of the fulfilled promise

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His track record!

Cover to cover His promises are constantly fulfilled

Elijah was one man who in a few chapters demonstrated the Lord fulfilling His promises (big & small) over and over

- Elijah says there will be no rain & it happens 1 Kings 17
- Elijah fed by ravens and the widow 1 Kings 17
- Elijah Vs the false prophets 1 Kings 18
- Elijah promises rain & it happens 1 Kings 18
- Elijah' successor Elisha 1 Kings 19

**Joshua 21:45** Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

**2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

And so through Him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

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God’s promises to us:

- **Jeremiah 29:11** – Plans for good
- **John 3:16/John 3:36** – Eternal life for those who believe
- **Romans 8:38-39** – Nothing separates us from Gods Love
- **Psalms 139** – intimate knowledge of who we are
- **Isaiah 43:4** – I Love you and you are precious
- **Mark 13:24-37** – His return
- **2 Samuel 22:31 & Psalm 18:30** – God’s way is perfect. All the Lord’s promises prove true.
- **Luke 1:37** – the Angel says the Lords Word will never fail

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Your homework

Do you live like Simeon and Anna **living in hope and anticipation** of the fulfillment of His Word?

Is He God or Fraud?

How do you treat Him?

Do you trust Him?

Do you live in hope of the yet to be fulfilled?

Do you live in the joy of the fulfilled?

Will you **trust** His promises, and **live** like it even when you don’t like it?