

Guided By God: God's Promise Through Moses

God's Promise:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go."

(Psalms 32:8 NVI)

My Promise

I will read and heed God's Word.

OPENING

Can you believe the Bible is the Word of God? Many don't. Many say the Bible is full of superstitions and stories. Others, however, have come to accept it as God's truth. They have seen it change their lives. No book has influenced people like the Bible. From Augustine, who was a scoundrel, to John Newton, who was a slave-trader, to Abraham Lincoln, who was a simple farm boy, to Max Lucado who was an ungrateful prodigal until he read about God's love, for boys who have wandered from home and landed in a pigpen? However, see for yourself. Apply the principles of stewardship to your Budget and see if you don't get out of debt. Apply the principles of fidelity to your marriage and see if you don't have a happier home. Apply the principles of forgiveness to your relationships and see if you aren't more peaceful. Apply the Bible and see if you don't agree – the Bible works. The Bible changes lives. Freedom comes as we know the truth.

THE FINGER OF GOD – Exodus 31:18

There is a term that describes the acts of God in human terms. This is called anthropomorphism. It is a long and apparently complicated word, but its meaning is this, “the way of explaining God in human terms.” For example, the Bible speaks of the “voice” of God or “the extended arm of God” or His “heart”. Today the term that is used is “the finger of God.” Because God wants His Word to be known and His promises to be known, He uses every way possible to be made known that God is wonderful. If He needs to appear in the form of a finger in order to write His desires, then let it be even though as humans we do not understand Him.

The stone tablets that Moses received that day, form part of God’s desire for my life and yours. In them, those “commandments” show us how we can maintain a real and genuine relationship not only with God, but also with our fellow man. That is the most essential part of the Kingdom.

HOW DO YOU WANT GOD TO WRITE?

Today’s question is simple. God wants to write something in your life. What you must say is how is He going to do it? A king in the Bible also received a message as Moses did. The message for this king was very different. While God gave Moses, two stone tablets with 10 commandments, this king named Hezekiah, saw the message. “You have been weighed in the balance and have been found lacking.”

Just as Moses, this King was amazed at what he saw; “the finger of God” writing. One message was of hope and the other was of judgement. You and I have many decisions to make. The Word of God contains many messages. Most of them are messages of hope and blessing. Others are messages of warnings and corrections. Those messages are going to be written and received.

In another case, the incarnate God – Jesus – wrote with His finger in the dry dirt of Israel when they brought him an adulterous woman. We do not know what He wrote as we do with Moses and the King. What we do know is that those who read what had been written, were affected and

everyone recognized his condition. For the religious, the finger condemned them. For the adulterous woman, those same fingers gave her peace and redemption.

The question is, how are we going to prepare our lives to be touched by the finger of God? The best way is to do it like Moses. Moses needed direction and promise. The king had lived his life ignoring the Word of God, until “the finger of God” wrote.

MOSES SAW SOMETHING WONDERFUL

Going back to the writings of Exodus, Moses had the privilege of seeing the Word of God written by God Himself. According to the Bible, Paul tells Timothy that all of “the Word of God is inspired.” That means that God used human writers to reveal to us His will. In one of the few instances, a human had in his hands, a concise document about how we should lead our lives. God’s hope grows in us because we can see the benefits of practicing and living his will every day.

A MORE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Did you know that the Bible says that God wants you to have more than two stone tablets or even a paper Bible written with ink? He wants to write His promises with His finger in the most important part of you body, in your heart and mind.

When God does this, then the promise of the Psalms becomes a major fountain of blessing. *“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.” (Psalms 32:8 NVI)*

Moses did not have that experience. He only saw something written on a stone. You now have written in what was before a heart of stone the blessed Word of God. That is a wonderful experience!

ALLOW GOD TO WRITE HIS PROMISES IN YOUR HEART

What should we do? Allow God to write His promises of hope on your heart. Immediately, open your heart so that He can begin to write His words of peace, blessing forgiveness, inspiration, direction, refreshment, and thousands more things that will keep our lives flooded with blessings. Then the Word of Jesus will be fulfilled in a powerful way. “From the abundance of the heart, the mouth will speak.” Which heart? The heart that was touched by the finger of God.

THE RESULTS: YOU ARE A LETTER TO BE WRITTEN BY EVERYONE

In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul says that you and I are walking letters. Every day, someone is reading our actions, intentions and declarations. Because the unshakable hope is in our hearts, they read the living Word.

Allow God to write, everyday in your heart His word. Treasure it and believe it without a doubt. Pay attention to His Word and you will see that you will experience something wonderful. You will be a poster board that announces the promises of God to everyone.