

THE PROMISE BELIEVED - JOSEPH

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-23

The root of all promises:

1. The foul **hurt** of our problem: When God said, “**don’t**”, they **did**; so we are paying the price. (Romans 5:12)
2. The first **hint** of the promise: When God saw what they did, then here’s what He did. (Genesis 3:15)
 - He pronounced Satan’s **defeat**
 - He promised mankind’s **deliverance**

Life lessons from the Silent Character in the Christmas Story

- 1) You can trust God’s promise in **moments of doubt**. (1:18-25)
 - a) He doubted that what he was hearing **could be true**. (1:18)
 - b) He doubted he could withstand the **gossipy** talk.
 - c) He doubted that his fiancé was worthy of **trust**. (1:19)
 - d) He decided to trust God **in spite of his doubts**. (1:20-25)

- 2) You can trust God’s promise in the middle of **danger**. (2:13-15) If you can’t trust God in **doubt** you will never trust Him in **danger**.
 - a) His trust was demonstrated by **ordinary obedience**. (2:14)
 - b) His trust was rewarded by **extraordinary guidance**. (2:19-23)
 - c) He trusted God in spite of the **danger**. (2:14-15)
- 3) You can trust God’s promise in the midst of great **difficulty**. (2:19-23)
 - a) The path of **least resistance** may not be God’s plan.
 - b) The path of **human reason** may not be God’s plan.
 - c) The path of **social conformity** may not be God’s plan.
 - d) He trusted God in spite of the **difficulty**.

Carry this with you:

- For every problem there is a **provision** and that **provision** is in accordance with a **promise**.
- Joseph’s security and salvation depended on **believing God’s promise**.

1 John 2:25 - Have you believed the promise?

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