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**“A CULTURE of PROMISE”**  
*Hope in the Darkness*  
LUKE 2:25-32

*There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them.* ~CLARE BOOTHE LUCE

- *Christmas Around the World*
- *When America Banned Christmas*
- *“A Visit from St. Nicholas”*

***People who Hope...***

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD’S PROMISES** JOHN 16:13  
*The Holy Spirit was upon him <sup>26</sup> and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> That day the Spirit led him to the Temple.*
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD’S PROMISES** ISAIAH 40:31  
*and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come*
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD’S PROMISES** HEBREWS 10:23  
*He was righteous and devout...  
<sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation*

***“The future is as bright as the promises of God.”***

~WILLIAM CAREY

A promise from God is a statement we can depend on with absolute confidence. Here are 12 promises for the Christian to claim.

- **GOD'S PRESENCE** -- *"I will never leave thee"* HEBREWS 13:5
- **GOD'S PROTECTION** -- *"I am thy shield"* GENESIS 15:1
- **GOD'S POWER** -- *"I will strengthen thee"* ISAIAH 41:10
- **GOD'S PROVISION** -- *"I will help thee"* ISAIAH 41:10
- **GOD'S LEADING** -- *"And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them"* JOHN 10:4
- **GOD'S PURPOSES** -- *"I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil"* JEREMIAH 20:11
- **GOD'S REST** -- *"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* MATTHEW 11:28
- **GOD'S FORGIVENESS** -- *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* 1 JOHN 1:9
- **GOD'S GOODNESS** -- *"No good thing will He withhold from them that work uprightly"* PSALM 84:11
- **GOD'S FAITHFULNESS** -- *"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. <sup>23</sup> Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning."* LAMENTATIONS 3:22, 23
- **GOD'S GUIDANCE** -- *"The meek will He guide"* PSALM 25:9
- **GOD'S WISDOM** -- *"All things work together for good to them that love God"* ROMANS 8:28

***“You can't break God's promises by leaning on them!”***