

or years I had studied the soul-strengthening subject of the Promises of God. (There are 7,487 according to the respected author, Herbert Lockyer.) But this was different! God had just given me a flash of inspiration—it dawned on me that He has given a number of promises that specifically concern the sons and daughters of those who serve God.

I knew I had just tapped into a mother lode in God's Word (a primary vein of gold). Knowing God's promises is essential because that gives His people a basis for their faith. Once promises are known, believers do not need to beg God to do those things He has already pledged to do. Instead, they can come to Him boldly, confessing His Word, fully expecting a manifestation. Too often mothers and fathers do the opposite. They pray in desperation, begging God to move in the lives of their children. That "pleading" approach went out the window forever when the breath of God breathed this insight into my spirit.

One of the first promises He led me to was Deuteronomy 7:9:

"...He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments."

"How amazing!" I whispered, shaking my head. I knew a generation, biblically-speaking, was 100 years long (see Genesis 15:13-16), so I quickly concluded, "A thousand times a hundred years! Wow! If I sincerely walk with God in this life, an invisible blessing will pass down through my family line for 100,000 years." (Of course, this is most likely not an exact figure, but a symbolic one, showing how dependable and long-lasting this promise is.) "If we have that long," I mused, "then long after I am gone, God's covenant will hover over my offspring to empower them and a reservoir of mercy will be there to restore them in time of need. And if that works for a thousand generations, how much more powerful it is for the next two or three generations!" It was



The Shreve family, Mike and Elizabeth with their miracle children, Destiny Hope and Zion Seth. Mike is the author of eleven books and the founder of Shreve Ministries

a Holy-Spirit-saturated moment that opened my eyes to the enduring impact of a life committed to God.

I concluded, "Never again will I plead for a move of God in my children's lives." Instead, in the words of Psalm 2:7, I began to "declare the decree." In ancient times after a king made a "decree," he would send representatives into every corner of his domain to "declare the decree," establishing as universal law what was initially a decision heard only by those present in the throne room. **Because** the enthroned King of all creation has decreed these promises over our children, now it is our responsibility to declare them—to verbally reinforce God's laws in this natural realm, defying everything that opposes His purpose.

So I began praying prophetically, "I choose life for our family! The death-dealing elements of this world WILL NOT destroy our children. According to God's promise, He will circumcise their hearts (cutting away the influence of the world) and awaken within them love for Him and love for the truth. Yes, I claim it. He will pour out both His blessing and His Spirit on my seed."

Within a few months of praying this way, my five-year-old daughter was baptized with the Holy Spirit. After lying on the floor for about 30 minutes, crying and speaking in tongues, she fell into my arms and whispered, "Daddy, Jesus filled me—He really filled me."
Was the timing just coincidental? I don't think so.

Actually, my wife and I have had to fight the good fight of faith just to have a family. We were told initially that it was impossible for us to have children,

but we prayed and the God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Hannah did it again. He healed Elizabeth of barrenness. Then my firstborn, Zion Seth, suffered oxygen deprivation during a very traumatic birth. The attending doctors claimed it would definitely result in serious mental and physical challenges, to the point where he would probably never function normally. Instead, he entered college three years ago in the top honors society on campus and physically he has no problems.

The challenges escalated with Elizabeth's next pregnancy. Around the fifth month, we went in for her normal check-up. With a very grim look on their faces, the doctor and his attending nurse showed us the ultra-sound image explaining that our daughter had spina bifida (a hole in the spine) and would be crippled as a result. Next, he advised that she would also have cretinism (a type of retardation) because of a thyroid condition Elizabeth was battling. Much to our surprise, even though he knew we were committed Bible believers, he suggested an "alternative" (we knew he meant abortion). Our response? We agreed never to return to his office again, but instead, to rely on the Word of God.

Often we prayed Psalm 138:8 ("the Lord will perfect that which concerns me") and Psalm 139:13 ("For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb") expecting the curse to be reversed. Then we chose a name for

our daughter—prophetically calling her Destiny Hope (to counteract the prognosis they gave of no hope and no destiny). It worked. At some point in the next few months, the healing took place and Destiny was born perfect.

I believe these miracles happened because we dared to believe the PROMISES God gave in His Word. In a variety of ways and means, this is a major part of what faith is all about—each generation transferring to the next what we have received from the Everlasting Father.

This is God's perspective too. For instance, when He revealed Himself to Noah, God made a pledge that continues even to this day:

"As for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you... never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth" (Genesis 9:9-11).

Even if your children are presently walking in darkness and refusing to acknowledge the truth you embrace, don't give in to discouragement. If you are a lover of God, He has actually adopted your children as His own. Read the following promise carefully:

"Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west;

I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth —

Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him" (Isaiah 43:5-7).

Notice God initiates this passage calling them "your descendants," then He commands, "Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth." Apparently, because they belong to you, God claims them as His own (since what belongs to you is "on the altar" and actually belongs to Him). So the Redeemer promises to place His canopy of protection and provision over their lives. Though satan and his demonic underlings are constantly fighting for the control of their lives, God has uttered the war cry:

"I will contend with him who contends with you; and I will save your children" (Isaiah 49:25).

That settles it! You and I had better not put a question mark where God has placed a period! As far as He is concerned, "It is done." He just needs you and me to pray the prayer of agreement, then make a commitment to wait on the Lord.

Surely by now you can sense the tremendous power of knowing and confessing these promises. You need to become well acquainted with all 65 promises, and start building a spiritual "wall of fire" around your family (Zechariah 2:5).

Below is a sample page from the book 65 Promises from God for Your Child.

65 Promises from God for Your Child.

y wife Joy and I are so excited about Mike Shreve's new book and 4-CD series that will equip you to rescue your children and grandchildren for the Lord. The enemy is using the media, schools, secular music and more to try to destroy their faith! But we now have a powerful supernatural weapon. Mike's book has 65 promises from God for your children and grandchildren.

Every morning Joy and I read a short teaching and then pray a prayer based on this teaching and God's promises. The prayer allows us to insert our children's and grandchildren's names as we pray for them out loud every day. It only takes a couple of minutes, but will change the destiny of your children and grandchildren. This anointed book and 4-CD series is available for a gift of \$35 or more (\$42 Canadian). Order now on the enclosed reply card, by calling 800-548-1918 or by going to **SidRoth.org/9175**.

REDEMPTION

The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the band of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

—DEUTERONOMY 7:7–8

chase price. In this passage God promises redemption to the of Israel based on the oath He swore to their forefathers. If we covenant relationship with the same God, we can expect simil ment for our offspring. No matter what "bondage" may be present children's lives, we can prayerfully confess that God will redeen and deliver them with "a mighty hand." Therefore "let the redee the LORD say so" (Ps. 107:2)!

PRAYER DECLARATION

Lord God, I confess that my son/daughter is loosed from al bondage—set free by the precious blood of Jesus. No past, presen or future bondage will ever prevail against ______ The world, sin, deception, satanic enticements, the flesh, even fear of death—none of these things will ever be able to enslave this child who is dedicated to You. I pray that You will always be a deliverer, guardian, and guide to ______ bringing him/her out of any weakness, darkness, or difficult situation of life. I pray that by Your mighty hand You will lead my child into the promised land of his/her destiny. You are the almighty God! There is nothing too hard for You! So I declare redemption over my offspring, believing it will come to pass. In the name of Jesus, amen (let it be so)!



MIKE SHREVE

65 PROMISES

hat I saw while praying for Sid Roth was stunning. Sid is a man of God, who believes in the supernatural. We were together interceding for one another. I closed my eyes and saw a common passenger train shooting down a straight track. Suddenly there was an explosive conversion of power! The locomotive was transformed into a supersonic bullet train. The acceleration was beyond my belief. The speed was a blur. The train was now moving towards its destination faster than anyone aboard could comprehend. The interpretation was clear. This was the future of Sid Roth's ministry and It's Supernatural! Now is the time to get aboard. More must be done and time is not on our side. Steve Hill

Strap on your seatbelt! Jesus is ready to return.

just found out that an underground church in China plays our TV shows in their services and people are healed! Friends of ours who were visiting China said when they told the church leaders they knew me, the leaders got tears in their eyes. They went on to explain how much It's Supernatural! has blessed their church. Many in the underground church even view our show on their cell phones! The leaders then gave our friends \$108 to sow into It's Supernatural! They had wanted to plant this gift for a long time, but were not able to because of the danger if the government found out.

Also we recently found out that someone has been selling iPhones in North Korea with *It's Supernatural!* episodes pre-loaded on them.

These two testimonies have given me the faith to step out to create the It's Supernatural! Network (ISN). This network will give us the ability to make our shows available in high definition on every smart phone in the world! A day will come soon when we will be censored, even on Christian TV networks. Already in Canada, I am forbidden by law to say anything on the air from the Bible against radical Islam or the homosexual lifestyle.

The It's Supernatural! Network will begin by airing archives of our TV show 24/7 and will gradually add one new show at a time. Most Christian television shows reflect the **previous** move of God's

Spirit. My vision is for our network to reflect the next move of God's Spirit.

With this network, I will be able to bring the latest prophetic news live to anyone who has a computer or smart phone anywhere in the world.

And if God gives us more time, the technology will allow us to put ISN on any satellite or cable network in the world!

At the same time the whole Spanishspeaking world has opened up to us. Our translation team is so good that they make me look like I'm speaking perfect Spanish. Initially, the Spanish-language show will air in North America, Central America and South America.

We are continuing to broadcast our TV show throughout the former Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan in the viewers' native languages!

I want our new network to originate from Jerusalem. Everything is in vision form, but will change from a regular passenger train to a supersonic bullet train this year! Strap on your seatbelt! Jesus is ready to return.

Proverbs 11:30 says, "He who wins souls is wise." The church in China saved their money over one year's time and gave \$108. That was a huge amount for them. Some of you can give double that. Some can only give a smaller amount and some can give

\$100,000. But God will show you. My faith says several millionaires will step forward as we need six million dollars to complete the network this year, but I know God wants you to partner with us so you share in all rewards! You are part of the "bullet train miracle." The only thing we take to heaven is souls. Time is running out!

During our most recent TV shoot, a trusted intercessor had a revelation that multitudes of Jews will be swept into the counterfeit end-time deception of satan. There is a life-critical urgency for us to reach unsaved Jews during this short window before they are blinded by the deception of the devil. Our ministry has the call, the anointing and the tools to plunder hell to populate heaven with thousands of new Jewish believers. I sense God has knit you to us for such a time as this. Partner with us now and rejoice forever!

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