

THE GOD OF ACTION

says,
"I Will..."



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There are over seven thousand promises in the Bible. As we read from Genesis (the beginning) to Revelation (the end) we see the story of a God who graciously showers gifts upon His people. This story comes to life when we say, "God, you said it! You moved upon men to write it! I believe it! You will do it!"

When God says "I will," then He is giving you His guarantee. It is His pledge to act. The word "promise" appears fifty-two times in the New Testament. Never is it linked with negotiation on the part of man.

2 Peter 3:9 tells us "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise..." In Romans 4:21 we read, "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH...

"...Upon this rock, I WILL build my church!" (Matthew 16:18). As an after statement to Peter revealing who Jesus was, Jesus then announced His purpose of coming to this earth. He came to build His church and He continues the work right up until now.

I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE CHURCH...

"And I WILL give unto thee the keys to the kingdom..." (Matthew 16:19). Once He proclaimed His purpose for His journey into the homes and hearts of fallen mankind, Christ then tells Peter He has given him the keys to the Kingdom. He gave Peter the keys to the church He was about to build.

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH...

Standing in the midst of a bewildered crowd of Jews, Peter stood boldly to address them. Their question was "...What meaneth this?" (Acts 2:12). In response Peter assured them, "...This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I WILL pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh..." (Acts 2:16-17).

Joel prophesied long before that there would be a great outpouring of the Spirit of God. Here Peter used the keys to unlock the stony hearts of the Jews gathered on the Day of Pentecost and to open wide the door of salvation for them.

I WILL ADD TO THE CHURCH...

Peter revealed the salvation plan to the hearers explaining how they could get into the church. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

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