

The Promise

“For those times will have tribulation such as has not been since the beginning of God’s creation until now, nor ever will be.”

Mark 13:19

Day after day we are plagued with uncertainty of what the future will hold. Even scripture can give us a feeling of uncertainty; it speaks of turbulent times, heaven and earth passing away, great and final judgment. It can all seem a little overwhelming and leave you feeling unsettled and have you wondering just what is going to happen and when will it all take place.

“...but my words will not pass away.” Mark 13:31

As daunting as the final judgment may seem, and as fearful as we may become in the midst of violence and uncertainty, God’s promise remains ever present and ever strong. His promise of life eternal exists by God’s very essence, His mercy and compassion. He was willing to die for us, that we may have life eternal. He promises *“a land flowing with milk and honey...” [Ezekiel 20:6]*, *“there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...” [Revelation 21:4]*. *“They shall be mine, say the Lord of hosts, my own special possession, on the day when I take action. And I will have compassion on them...” [Malachi 3:17]*. *“God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever possesses the Son has life...” [1 John 5:11-12]*

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

God’s words are living and eternal, they do not pass away, nor do they contradict each other. *“God is love and all who remain in love remain in God.” [1 John 4:16]*. This is God, this is His promise to love us and care for us. Though the world may be violent, though our lives may be turbulent, though the world may pass away and though we will one day stand in the final judgment, nothing can stand in the way of God’s mercy and compassion. The promise to those who remain in love is eternal and unshakable. So do not fear, for God’s love is fathomless in its eternal essence.

*Father, Creator, Savior...
Your words are promise and truth.
Your love is everlasting.
Caress my soul, that I may never fear.
Inspire my desire for life and love.
Teach me compassion that I may love
all people completely, without
hesitation or judgment.
May Your words of life
resonate within my soul, enticing me
with a passion to life as You love.
May this be my prayer always and
forever in Your Holy name.
AMEN*