

My Wishes and His Promises

“God fulfills all His promises, not all my wishes.” D. Bonhoeffer

God has promised me His eternal life, but not a long life.

God has promised me His healing on the new earth, but not on always this earth.

God has promised me His comfort, but not a life without pain.

God has promised me His wedding feast, but not a spouse.

God has promised me His righteousness, but not righteous people.

God has promised me His home in heaven, but not a house on earth.

God has promised me His joy, but not a life without sorrow.

God has promised me His justice, but not human justice.

God has promised me His power, but not a life without weakness.

God has promised me His sufficiency, but not a life without insufficiencies.

God has promised me His wisdom, but not a life without questions.

God has promised me His guidance, but not a life without confusion.

God has promised me His reward in heaven, but not man's recognition on earth.

God has promised me His victory, but not a life without conflict.

God has promised me His presence, but not a life without loneliness.

God has promised me His vengeance, but not a life without forgiving.

God has promised me His grace, but not a life without repentance.

God has promised me His blessing, but not a life without obedience.

God has promised me His reward, but not a life without a race.

God has promised me His love, but not a life without rejection.

God has promised me His peace, but not a life without turmoil.

God has promised us His care, but not a life without delays.

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