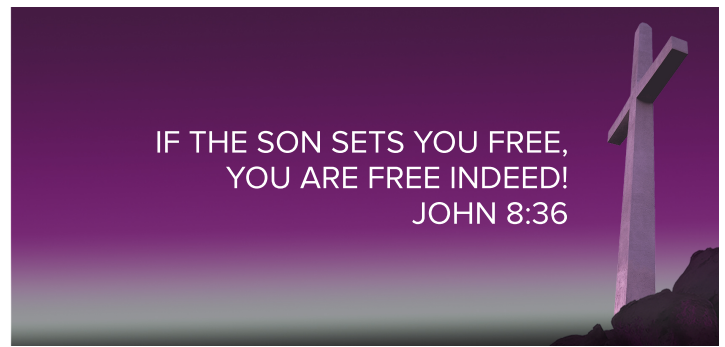


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“Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

“I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” -John 14:3

A vow is a serious and solemn promise. Perhaps you have heard the story of Robertson McQuilkin and his wife Muriel. He was the president of a seminary when Muriel started forgetting things, and it became evident that she had Alzheimer’s disease. He left his position to take care of her and stated that this decision had been made forty-two years before, when he had taken his marriage vows, “in sickness and in health, till death do us part.” Their story, now a book,* inspires us in this age of broken vows and dishonored promises.

Jesus made a solemn vow to us. When life’s circumstances seem to hide His face, we can stand on His firm promises, for He is faithful. His second coming is not just a possibility but a certainty. Jesus assures us that He will be with us. His declarations about the future sustain me in dark times, when I don’t seem to see the light at the end of the tunnel: “Truly I say to you today with me you will be in Paradise” (Luke 23:43; Greek-English Interlinear NT); “This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11); “He [God] will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 21:3, 4). These promises (add a few of your favorites) assure us that Jesus will be coming again, that evil will be permanently destroyed, and that God will dwell with us eternally. These statements do not suggest that He might come back but that He will return for us. In the Greek text, today’s verse adds another dimension to His promise. It reads: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, again I am coming and will receive you to myself, that where I am also you may be” (John 14:3, Greek-English Interlinear). He is coming back, and He will receive us, to be with Him forever. Jesus died in order to keep His vow to us. He is more than trustworthy, and He is worthy to be praised! Whenever things seem to fall apart, stand on the sure bloodstained promises of Jesus, your Savior!

*Robertson McQuilkin, *A Promise Kept* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1998).