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Titus 1:2, *“In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”*

The Bible tells us that the LORD is the Almighty. There is nothing beyond His abilities. The LORD asks the question in Jeremiah 32:27, *“Behold, I [am] the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?”* The answer is understood. There is nothing too hard for the LORD.

Not only is there nothing too hard for the LORD, there is nothing that is beyond His understanding. We are told in Psalms 147:4-5, *“⁴He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by [their] names. ⁵Great [is] our Lord, and of great power: his understanding [is] infinite.”*

There is thought to be trillions of stars in our galaxy, and trillions of galaxies—maybe more. For the LORD to know the number of the stars, and to call them all by their names, is truly astounding. It’s beyond what we can even imagine.

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Yet with the LORD being all powerful, and truly the Almighty, there is something He cannot do. He cannot lie.

To lie is totally against what the LORD is. It’s impossible for Him to lie. It’s not His nature. It’s just like there cannot be pitch black light, or ice cold frozen fire. The opposites of light and fire are not part of them and can never be. The LORD is all righteousness and goodness, and to lie cannot be part of Him.

The fact that God cannot lie is stated in Hebrews 6:18, *“That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.”* It is impossible for God to lie. It simply cannot be done.

We are told that this impossibility is a strong consolation to us. We have this hope for a refuge. It gives us comfort in the darkest times. There is hope that is set before us.

I take such great comfort in this. In Titus 1:2 we are told that God cannot lie. It’s in the context of His promise of eternal life to us. We live our lives focused on our home in Heaven after this life. To the world, this seems too good to be true, but it is true. The LORD promised eternal life to us, and that promise was made before He even created the world. He knew His plan and made a way for us to have eternal life. God promised and He cannot lie. It is impossible.

The term “hope of eternal life” is only found twice in the Bible. The first is in the above verse (Titus 1:2). The second time is two chapters later. Titus 3:7, *“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”* Because of God’s grace justifying us, we will inherit this eternal life. God’s grace does justify us, but we still have to properly obey and live our lives for the LORD.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Parson.** Remember **Archie & Judy Manning.** Archie is very sick with cancer. **Shirley Edwards** continues to recover from pacemaker surgery. **Vicki McDaniel**

continues to have pain and numbness in her hands. She has decided to put off surgery for a couple of months. **Shirley Parson** is in Caverna Memorial Hospital in Horse Cave. She is having difficulty with COPD and lack of oxygen. She is also having problems with congestive heart failure and low blood count. She is breathing better than she has in six weeks.

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The promise of eternal life and heaven are beyond what we can even imagine. Peter calls them exceeding great. II Peter 1:4, “*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises...*”

Along with the verse at the beginning of the article (Titus 1:2), “eternal” and “promise” are found in only two other passages. Hebrews 9:15, “*And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*” This is letting us know that those under the Old Testament who obeyed the LORD will receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The only other time that “eternal” and “promise” are mentioned together is in I John 2:25, “*And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.*”

For those under the Old Testament as well as us under the new, the promise of the eternal inheritance and eternal life has been made and cannot be changed. It is impossible for God to lie. Those wonderful promises are made to us.

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Sunday, February 9, 2020		
Classes	13	II Peter 2:10-14
Preaching	21	Ezekiel 37:1-11
Contribution	\$759.00	
Evening	11	Ezra 3:1-13
Wednesday, February 12, 2020		
Classes	15	Isaiah 16:1-14

Visitors— Feb 9 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)
Feb 12 (Wed) Clisty Humphries (Munfordville, KY);
McKenzie Clemmons (Cub Run, KY)

Bible Quiz

The daughters of Moab would be as a wandering what?

Last Week’s Answer— The hay (Isaiah 15:6)

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We need not think for a moment that we will not receive those precious promises. The LORD has promised them and cannot lie. It is impossible. Eternal life and Heaven awaits us in only a few short years if we obey and remain faithful to the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)