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## God's Promises in Joel

The book of Joel contains several promises that God makes to his people, including:

1. Restoration: God promises to restore what the locusts have eaten and to make up for the years that have been lost. "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you" (Joel 2:25).
2. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit: God promises to pour out his Spirit on all people, young and old, male and female. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28).
3. Salvation: God promises that all who call on his name will be saved. "And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Joel 2:32).
4. Deliverance: God promises to deliver his people from their enemies. "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land" (Joel 3:1-2).
5. Blessing: God promises to bless his people abundantly. "The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten" (Joel 2:24-25).  
These promises are still relevant and applicable today for those who put their trust in God.
6. Protection: God promises to protect his people from harm. "The Lord roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the Lord is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel" (Joel 3:16).
7. Justice: God promises to judge the wicked and defend the righteous. "Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is

- ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great" (Joel 3:12-13).
8. Presence: God promises to be present with his people. "And the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The Lord answered and said to his people, 'Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations'" (Joel 2:18-19).
  9. Repentance: God promises to forgive those who repent of their sins. "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster" (Joel 2:12-13). These promises show God's faithfulness and love towards his people, and they are a source of hope and encouragement for all who trust in him.