

THE GOD WHO SEES

Genesis 21:8-21

1. Promises don't eliminate p_____.

[God] maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. (Matthew 5:45 KJV

It's easy to get into a cycle of placing blame, or playing the "if-only" game, or viewing the past in terms of what you should have done.

God had made tremendous and generous promises that applied to all the characters in today's story, and yet, these promises didn't eliminate their imperfections and they didn't eliminate their problems. Life continued to be just a little bit messy for all of them.

Life may be better than it was, but it will never be perfect, because we're not perfect, and we're surrounded by imperfect people and we're in the midst of imperfect circumstances.

Life is always going to be a little messy. Our challenge is to try to m- _____ the mess. But we must remember that the complicated nature of life doesn't negate God's promise.

This season you're suffering through today, it will certainly pass. God's promises aren't going anywhere. Each one will be fulfilled in your life, in the proper _____

2. Your Tears Matter in H_____.

God said: I have s_____. I have heard. I am concerned. And I am about to take a_____. Ref: Exodus 3:7

The same can be said for your situation. God hears, God sees, God knows what is happening in your life. He will move when the time is right. .

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. (Matthew 10:29 NLT)

Your e_____ matters to God. Your _____ matter to God. He's the God who really sees. The God who hears. The God who cares. Ref: Matthew 10:29 NLT

3. Only God can open your e_____.

Only God can give you the ability to see what you need to see. There's a solution to situation — and it's closer than you think. There's something about distress that prevents us from seeing what we need to see.

When you surrender your life to Jesus Christ, when you surrender *this moment* to Jesus, *this problem* to Jesus, the Holy Spirit of God will open your eyes and enable you to see what you have never been able to see.

God sees you where you are. Ref: Mark 10:21

And he gives you the ability to see yourself where you are, and where you need to be, and what you need to do next. This is how his promises come to be fulfilled.