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Consider all the wonderful promises of God, but many of them have a little “if” attached to them. Do we believe “all” of the verse or do we just take part of it?

(John 8:31, KJV --)

“8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If* ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;”

(John 8:51, KJV --)

“8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, *If* a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”

(John 12:26, KJV --)

“12:26 *If* any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: *if* any man serve me, him will my Father honour.”

(1 Corinthians 15:2, KJV --)

“15:2 By which also ye are saved, *if* ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.”

(Galatians 6:9, KJV --)

“6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, *if* we faint not.”

(Colossians 1:22b,23 (Colossians 1:22, KJV --))

“..., to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: *If* ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;”

(2 Timothy 2:11–13, KJV --)

"2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself."

(Hebrews 3:6, KJV --)

"3:6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

(Hebrews 3:14, KJV --)

"3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;"

(2 Peter 1:10, KJV --)

"1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"

(1 John 1:7, KJV --)

"1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

How many teach the "whole" verse of God? Do we want all of God's word or just some of it? Does it make a difference? In illustration, if a Billionaire told you that he would give you a million dollars if the Grand Canyon became filled up with dirt, would you expect to get paid tomorrow? However, if a volcano filled it in to the brim tonight, would you expect it tomorrow? How much difference does the "condition" of "if" make to the promise given?