

Behold the birds of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns;

Promises of God

*Yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not much better than they?*



Lilac-breasted Roller

John 1:3 - God created everything through Him (Jesus Christ), and nothing was created except through Him.

Psalms 147:4 - He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Job 12:7 & 10 - Just ask the animals, and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. (vs.10) For the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being, is in His hand.

II Peter 1:3 - His divine power has given us everything we need for life and spiritual growth through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and grace.

II Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Hebrews 11:1 & 6 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. (vs.6) And without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He (God), rewards those who seek Him.

**God's Promises reveal
His faithfulness.
His Faithfulness gave us
His Word which is the
Mind of Christ.
When we know the Mind
of Christ we have
His Promises.**

**Promises need only your
faith to believe - the size of
a grain of mustard seed.**



Malachite Kingfisher

Matthew 6:26 - Behold the birds of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much better than they?

Matthew 6:29 - Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.



Collard Sunbird



Double-collared Sunbird

Luke 12:6 & 7 - Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Deuteronomy 31:6 - Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.



Purple-crested Lourie



Knysna (Green) Lourie

Romans 8:38-39 – For I am confident that neither death not life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing or being, shall be able to separate us from the LOVE OF GOD, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



African Jacana

Luke 12:25-26 - Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing (add a single hour), why do you worry about the rest?



Southern Boubou

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS. The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore I have confidence in Him. The Lord is good to those who trust in Him, to those who wait for Him. Lamentations 3: 23(b) & 24

Philippians 4: 8-9 - Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy —meditate on these things. . .and the God of peace will be with you.



Saddle-billed Stork

Psalm 56:11 – In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Psalm 46:1-2(a) – God is our refuge and strength; our ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, do not fear!

Deuteronomy 20:3-4 - He shall say: “Hear, O Israel, today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not be terrified or give way to panic before them. For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.”



Ground Hornbill

Psalm 105:1 - Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.



Blue Crane – National Bird of South Africa

Isaiah 41:31 - For those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.



Long-crested Eagle

I Peter 2:23 - He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

I Peter 5:7 – Casting all your care (anxiety) on Him, because He cares for you!

Romans 8:28 – For we can be confident, that God causes ALL things to work together for good to those who love God.

Romans 8:31 – What then shall we say of these things (problems)? If God is for us, who shall be against us?

Matthew 11:28 - Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

II Thessalonians 3:3 – The Lord is faithful. He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

Isaiah 65:24 – It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.



African Hoopoe

Isaiah 43:2 - When you pass through the deep waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers of difficulty, they shall not overwhelm you...



Hamerkop (Afrikaans for Hammer-head)

John 10:28 – (Whoever believes in Christ) *I give to them eternal life, and they shall never perish; and no one can snatch them out of My Hand!*



Red-crested Korhaan

I John 1:9 – (And) *If we confess (acknowledge) our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*



Yellow-billed Stork (resting...or praying?)

Hebrews 13:5-6 - *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"*

Psalms 119:105 - *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

Proverbs 20:24 (a) – *A believer's steps are directed by the Lord.*



Sacred Ibis (found on Egyptian Hieroglyphics)



White Stork

I John 5:4-5 - *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our Faith! Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God!*

John 11:25 - *Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live (eternally) even if he dies (physically)."*

Isaiah 30:18 – *Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.*

I Corinthians 10:13 – *No testing has overtaken you that is not common to man. And God is faithful. He will not allow the testing to be more than you can stand. When you are tested, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.*



Brown-hooded Kingfisher



Black-collared Barbet

I Corinthians 15:58 - *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.*

James 4:10 – *Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord and He will exalt you.*



Masked Weaver (note how he's used up the tree's fronds)



Red-headed Weaver



Take note Gentlemen: These little fellows weave their homes for the ladies; who upon inspection, should she not approve, he is made to strip the nest down and start all over again!

The little guy's home on the right (Red-headed Weaver) would challenge even the most sympathetic soul-mate.

But the Spectacled Weaver's nest on the left was printed up in the "Bird's Architectural Digest"!!! After all, which lady could resist that décor?!

James 1:2-8 - Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without any doubts, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Psalm 90:12 - So teach us to number our days, so that we may present to you a heart of wisdom.

**1 Corinthians 1:27 - For God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise;
God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.**



*"The Last Waltz"
By our Woolly-necked Storks*



Martial Eagle

***I have written to you
briefly,
encouraging you and
testifying
That this is the true
Grace of God:
Stand fast in it!
I Peter 5:12***



Palmnut Vulture (Juvenile)