Standing on the Promises of God

God's promises have God's omnipotent power behind them and cannot be stopped by human power. Nothing on this earth or in the universe, whether visible or invisible, can thwart what God has promised for those who are His children. If we could only believe what God tells us in His Word and stand with feet firmly planted on these promises our lives would be radically different. You can take God at His Word because there has never been nor will there ever be any one of His promises that will ever fail. If only we would trust in them, to lean upon them, to rely in them, and to have the assurance of what God promises, God delivers for he has the effectual power to bring to pass all that His Word proclaims.

It was by His Word that the universe came into existence “For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm” (Psalm 33:9) and “we understand that the universe was created by the word of God” (Heb 11:3). The same Omnipotent, Creator God stands behind His promises and we know that His Word cannot be broken (John 10:35) so let’s dive into and experience the mighty power of the Word of God and read fifty of the most powerful promises found in the Bible in the hopes that your life will never again be the same and that these promises change your life...forever!
# 1 - Promise of Eternal Life

**John 10:28-29**  "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

What greater promise is there in all the Bible than Jesus telling you that you have eternal life and that no one can take that from you? God has no aborted children.

# 2 - Promise of Never Being Rejected

**John 6:37**  "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

The word “all” in the Greek means...all! The Greek word for “all” is “pas” and means “each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything.” That about covers it. Whoever comes to Christ is never turned away or cast out by Christ.

# 3 - Promise of Never Being Forsaken

**Hebrews 13:5-6**  “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

The word “never” has eternal implications and His leaving us or forsaking us is not possible. We have this confidence then to say “what can man do to me?”

# 4 - Promise of Answered Prayer

**John 15:7**  “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

Of course, this “whatever you wish” must be according to God’s will and for His glory for if you are abiding in Christ and His words are abiding in you, then “it will be done for you.” What are His words? Since Jesus is the Word (John 1:1, 14), when we abide in the Word of God we are abiding in Him and He in us.
# 5 - Promise of Eternal Rewards

**Matthew 19:29** “And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.”

For many believers, this has become a reality because Jesus said “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother” (Matt 12:49-50). Whoever does God’s will is Jesus brother and sister and for that, they “will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.” Now isn’t that worth having your own family offended and leave you in this life to receive infinitely more in the next?

# 6 - Promise of No Fear of Death

**Psalm 23:4** “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.”

God never promises to keep us from the storms of life, nor to take us around them or to take us above them but He does promise to go with us through them. Shadows are not the same as the reality but even in the shadows of death we have no fear of evil for He is with us wherever we go.

# 7 - Promise of our Glorification

**First John 3:2** “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

Are you like me and cannot wait to actually see Jesus face to face? Well, for those who are now the children of God, it hasn’t yet appeared what we will be like in a glorified body but the promise is that when He appears, we’ll not only be like Him, but we will see Him as He really is. I can’t wait for this promise to be fulfilled but it is sure and certain to come!

# 8 - Promise of Daily Sustenance

**Mathew 6:26** “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

Have you ever seen a bird wringing his wings in anxiety, worrying where the next meal comes from? Of course not and neither have I so if God ensures that the birds of the air, which don’t toil or sweat or worry about where their next meal is coming from, why do we because Jesus says that we are more valued than they.
# 9 - Promise of Abundant Blessings

**Luke 6:38** “Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

This verse may make more sense in an agrarian or agricultural society. In ancient cultures, people were sometimes paid their wages in food. The example Jesus uses here is someone has given generously and now God blesses the giver so much so that the sack that they are holding is having grain poured into it up to the brim. Then the grain is pressed down and more is poured in. Then the bag is shaken so that even more can be added. More is measured out and then it runs over the top and pours into the givers lap. You cannot out give God but its fun to try.

# 10 - Promise of God’s Remembrance

**Psalm 105:42-43** “For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.”

God is not like us...He never forgets His promises. One of the greatest promises of God is that He remembers them so we never need to worry because what He has promised He will deliver. Paul this specific promise in Psalm 105:42-43 fulfilled in his day (Acts 26:6).

# 11 - Promise of our Resurrection

**Acts 13:32-33** “And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.”

The reason the gospel is called the good news is because God promised to the fathers (the Patriarchs) that Jesus would be raised from the dead, therefore we too will be raised someday (Rom 6:5). This is why we need not fear death for we have the certainty of being raised to eternal life.

# 12 - Promise of our Being Heard

**First John 5:14** “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

When my now grown children came to me to ask for something they had the confidence that I would hear them. Believers can have that same confidence toward God because if it is according to His will, there is no doubt that He’ll hear us. Believe that and don’t trust what you feel.
# 13 - Promise of our Wrath Removed

**First Thessalonians 5:9-10** “For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.”

Those who are not Christ’s cannot freely express any fear of death or the wrath of God but for those who have trusted in Christ, there is the comfort of the promise that God has “not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation.” Those of us who believe have eternal life, those who disbelieve still have the wrath of God upon them (John 3:36). God said it so I believe it. I pray you do too.

# 14 - Promise of no Hunger

**Psalm 37:25** “I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.”

By the time David wrote this, he was an old man but in all his life, he had yet to see a righteous person forsaken and having to beg for bread. For David, this promise was time-tested and since the Scriptures are true, we can claim this promise that God will provide for His own children. For a certainty we know that He will not allow the righteous to go hungry or have to beg for bread.

# 15 - Promise of His Unfailing Love

**Jeremiah 31:3** “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”

It seems that marriages are in trouble like never before but God loves us with “an everlasting love” that is not conditional on how good we are. God will never love us any less when we sin nor will He love us anymore when we do good...His faithfulness is not dependent upon human acts of the will. That’s why His love is everlasting.

# 16 - Promise of No Turning From Him

**Jeremiah 32:40** “I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.”

I love this promise because God is the One Who puts the fear of Him in our hearts. This is not a fear of being struck dead but a reverential, holy fear that is more like a deep respect and admiration. He does the planting of this fear and that’s good news because it is for the purpose that we “may not turn from” Him. Left to ourselves, we surely would.
# 17 - Promise of His Exulting Us

**Zephaniah 3:17** “The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

Can you envision God singing over you and rejoicing “over you with gladness?” He does! Our Mighty One saves us then quiet’s us or calms us by His everlasting love and exults or rejoices over us “with loud singing.” I know that heaven rejoices over one soul that is saved and this obviously includes God!

# 18 - Promise of our Sins Removed

**Psalm 103:12** “As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

When God forgives, He does it completely. The trouble with us is that we often cannot forgive ourselves but God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west. Why not as far as the north is from the south? That’s because north and south meet at the equator but west and east never do. That means that our sins are removed as far from us as infinity.

# 19 - Promise of our Source of Life

**Psalm 1:2-3** “But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

Who is this “he” that David is writing about? It is “he” who delights in the Law of God. Whoever meditates in His Law or in His Word, will be like a tree planted by streams of water. This means that drought, storms, disease, or any other adverse conditions will not thwart him from prospering and producing fruit. This doesn’t mean that they won’t suffer but they will survive even amidst the worst that life throws at them.

# 20 - Promise of our Protection

**Psalm 41:1-2** “Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land.”

God is no respecter of persons but sometimes people look down on the poor so God promises to bless those who give consideration to the poor because they “will be repaid at the resurrection of the just” (Luke 14:14). For those who do, the Lord protects them, the Lord delivers them, and the Lord ensures that they will be kept alive and will be “called blessed in the land.”
# 21 - Promise of our Every Good Thing

**Philemon 1:6** “I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

How amazing that Paul ties in having the knowledge of our blessings (every good thing) with our sharing the faith. Maybe it’s because when we witness to the lost we have a greater understanding of how we have been snatched from the pit of hell “for the sake of Christ.” By the way, I get sweaty palms and my heart beats a little faster when I do witness but the peace and joy that follows when I do cannot be compared with anything that the world has to offer.

# 22 - Promise of our God’s Giving the Increase

**First Corinthians 3:8-9** “He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”

When we witness to someone and they reject it, we must understand that no effort is ever wasted. If we plant the seed of God’s Word, someone else may come along later and water it. Regardless of whether they come to saving faith or not, we will receive our reward in the kingdom. We must witness and leave the results up to God for “neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Cor 3:7).

# 23 - Promise of our Treasures in Heaven

**Luke 14:13-14** “But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

We don’t really reap all of our blessings in this life but the fact is if we give to the poor, minister to the lame, and bless the blind, we do so knowing that “they cannot repay” us but God can and will. He promises that we “will be repaid at the resurrection.” We can’t build our treasures on earth but we can forward them to heaven and have them awaiting there for us.

# 24 - Promise of God’s Justice

**First Peter 3:9** “Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”

Everyone who lives a godly life will suffer persecution (2 Tim 3:12) so we shouldn’t be surprised by it but when we don’t repay evil for evil or try to take revenge into our own hands, God promises to bless us. We can trust God in all things and this includes leaving vengeance to God (Rom 12:19).
# 25 - Promise of Good from Bad

**Romans 8:28** “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Everything that happens in the life of the believer, whether good or bad, ultimately works out for our best and is according to God’s purpose. Even if we don’t understand it, we have God’s promise that all things work out together for our own good despite how it feels at the time.

# 26 - Promise of Blessing from our Trust

**Psalm 40:3-4** “Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud.”

A new believer has to learn to trust in God. It takes time. Over time, their experience shows that their trust is never misplaced so for those who trust in God, He promises to bless them.

# 27 - Promise of God’s Spirit

**Acts 2:38-39** “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

This is one of the few promises that God makes for those who are not yet saved. Peter declares the promise of God for those who repent and follow up that belief with baptism. Peter assures them of God’s forgiveness and the receiving of the Holy Spirit but it doesn’t stop there. This promise is for their children and for anyone who calls upon Lord (Acts 4:12).

# 28 - Promise of our Names in the Book of Life

**Daniel 12:1** “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.”

If you have repented and trusted in Christ, your name is written down in the book of life (Rev 13:8, 17:8) and God’s promises to deliver His people from the second death (Rev 20:14). Now if God has written your name in the Lamb’s book of life you must realize that God’s writing instrument has no eraser for since God has foreknowledge, why would He write you name down in that book only to erase it later?
# 29 - Promise of no Separation from God

**Romans 8:38-39** “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

When Paul writes that nothing can separate us from God he includes death, angels (fallen angels), things present or yet to come, powers, depths, heights, and to make sure that he covers everything he writes “nor anything in all creation” which means anything that’s created. That covers it all.

# 30 - Promise of God’s Riches

**Philippians 4:19** “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

If God promises to supply every need of ours we must believe Him. It is not according to someone else’s resources but “according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Don’t you think that’s the greatest resource of all since He owns all that there is?

# 31 - Promise of God’s Favor

**Psalm 84:11** “For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

The sun provides life in the sense that sunlight gives plants the energy to grow and plants ensure that we’ll survive so that might be why God said that He would be a sun for them but more than that, He was their shield of protection from the enemies who sought to destroy them. After all that, He goes on to promise that He will withhold “no good thing...from those who walk uprightly.”

# 32 - Promise of God’s Perseverance of Us

**Jude 1:24-25** “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

I am really glad that these verses didn’t say “Now if you are able to keep yourself from stumbling” because I would be plenty worried but since it is “Him who is able to keep [us] from stumbling and [then] to present [us] blameless before the presence of his glory” we can rest in that promise.
# 33 - Promise of the Helper

**John 14:26** “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

Have you ever had a Bible verse come to mind at just the time that you needed? That is the Helper, the Holy Spirit of God who brought that “to your remembrance.” Before Christ’s ascension into heaven, He promised to send the Helper or Advocate. Some translate it the “Comforter” which I like because this is a compound word and is a combination of “com” for “with” and “fort” which is like a fortress. So the Spirit comes to us like a fortress to help, be our advocate, and bring to remembrance the Scriptures that we need at the time we need them.

# 34 - Promise of His Strengthening Us

**Philippians 4:13** “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Jesus told the disciples that without Him, they could do nothing (John 15:5) but through Him we can do all things because He strengthens us.

# 35 - Promise of our Heavenly Access

**John 16:24** “Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

Up to this point in Jesus’ earthly ministry, the disciples could not ask in Jesus’ name but since He was going away to the Father, they had the right to ask for anything in His name and receive it so that their “joy may be full.” There is access to the Father only by Jesus’ name and there is power in that Name that is above all names.

# 36 - Promise of God’s Directing Us

**Isaiah 30:21** “And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”

Imagine hearing a word from God telling you to turn left here or turn right there and telling you that “this is the way, walk in it.” You don’t have to imagine it because God’s roadmap for life has already been provided and it is found the Word of God, the Bible but it is up to us to open it and utilize it.
# 37 - Promise of Passing from Death to Life

**Ephesians 2:4-5** “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.”

Before we were saved, we were all like Lazarus...four days dead! If God had not saved us, we would still be dead in our sins. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead did He seek his cooperation? Did He tell Lazarus, “Lazarus, if you’ll raise your finger or blink your eye, I’ll do the rest?” No, salvation is fully a work of God because grace is a gift and not earned, or it wouldn’t be grace at all. If Jesus hadn’t specified Lazarus by name, I believe that all that were in their graves would have been raised because Jesus’ has effectual power in His Word.

# 38 - Promise of God’s Carrying Us

**Deuteronomy 1:31** “And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.”

When we were visiting the zoo one time when my children were young, I had to carry my youngest in my arms. He grew so weary that he couldn’t make it on his own anymore. That is the image of God carrying His own children “as a man carries his son” He carries them “until [we] came to [the] place” where He is taking us and that place, for the believer, is heaven.

# 39 - Promise of God’s Authorship of our Life

**Psalm 139:16** “Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

This verse is incredible. Imagine that God has written the novel of your life ahead of time, before you were even born. God wrote the book of your life with the end already finished because He loves happy endings.
# 40 - Promise of the New Jerusalem

*Second Peter 3:13* “But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

Don’t you look forward to the kingdom of heaven with eager expectation? Anyone who sees the desperate wickedness and evil in this world must long for something better and so “according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” knowing that we are simply pilgrims, wandering in this world, seeking the new and better world where righteousness will finally be the rule and not the exception.

# 41 - Promise of our Place in the Kingdom

*John 14:2-3* “In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

This world is not our home. Jesus went “to prepare a place for” us and since He has prepared “a place for [us He] will come again and will take [us] to [himself so] that where [He] is [we] may also be.” He is still preparing that place for us as I write this and someday He will come to take us to it so that we can be where He is. How great a promise that is!

# 42 - Promise of God Being For Us

*Romans 8:31* “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

When I was in high school, many years ago, the captains picked sides for dodge ball. It seems I was always picked last. No one wanted to be on my side but today, God is on our side if we have repented and trusted in Him and if God is for us, who in the entire universe could ever be against us? The obvious answer is no one!

# 43 - Promise of Him Being Our Refuge

*Proverbs 14:26* “In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence and his children will have a refuge.”

Again, fear is not what we traditionally think of it as being. It’s not a dread fear of being destroyed but a deep, abiding reverence for God and the one who has this reverence for God can have “strong confidence” and the fact is, God’s “children will [always] have a refuge,” therefore we can have the confidence to have no fear of “what man can do to” us (Psalm 56:11).
# 44 - Promise of His Knowing All About Us

Matthew 10:30 “But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.”

This verse shows just how much God knows about us...even down to the minutest detail so we have no need to fear that God misses something in our life. We have God’s promise that He is acquainted with us in every possible way.

# 45 - Promise of Seeing Jesus’ Face

Revelation 22:4 “They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.”

Don’t you long to finally see Jesus someday? Isn’t that one of the things that we look forward to so very much? I do. I can’t imagine seeing Jesus for the very first time. That will be indescribable. For those who are born again, they are promised such an encounter with the living God. Then we will finally see Him just as He is (1 John 3:2).

# 46 - Promise of the Crown of Righteousness

Second Timothy 4:7-8 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

Paul knew that there was a crown of life awaiting him and that the Lord would award him that crown after he passed from this life to the next but that crown is not promised only to Paul but “to all who have loved his appearing” or to put it another way, for all who have a deep desire and longing to see Him.

# 47 - Promise for the Widows and Orphans

Jeremiah 49:11 “Leave your fatherless children; I will keep them alive; and let your widows trust in me.”

James says that pure and undefiled religion is visiting the orphans and widows (James 1:27) and since God is purer than anyone, He wants us to trust Him so much that we can safely leave the fatherless children and widows in His care, knowing that He will “keep them alive.” God has a history of protecting the orphans and the widows.
# 48 - Promise of God’s Kindness Leading to Repentance

**Romans 2:4** “Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”

This is a promise that has already been delivered. Someone once told me that they “found God” but I didn’t know He was missing! The truth is that no one seeks after God (Rom 3:11) but it is God who sought us and then brought us to repentance. I put it this way; He sought me, He caught me, He bought me, He taught me the way I ought to be.” It is actually “God’s kindness” that leads us to repentance. How amazing is His grace.

# 49 - Promise of His Spirit of Glory on Us

**First Peter 4:12-14** “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

Did you know that when you are insulted and persecuted for Jesus’ sake, “the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you?” I want that. Don’t you? I don’t seek persecution but when it inevitably does come, we have this promise of having “the Spirit of glory and of God” resting upon us so rejoice when you are persecuted “and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

# 50 - Promise that He Stands By Us

**Second Timothy 4:16-18** “At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

This is one of the saddest of all Scriptures to me because Paul was abandoned by everyone but it is also one of the most encouraging. Absolutely everyone had deserted Paul and even in this, he prayed that it “not be charged against them.” Paul could endure this abandonment because “the Lord stood by” him and “strengthened” him. When everyone else had run away, Jesus didn’t. He had the confidence that the Lord would rescue him “from every evil deed and bring him safely into his heavenly kingdom.” If you have repented and trusted in Christ, you have this same promise and that should change your life forever!
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I pray that you read these promises and believe in them because “he has granted to us his precious and very great promises” (1 Pet 1:4). Peter speaks about God’s promises in the present tense. That is, he writes as if these precious promises are already ours and so they are, so we must believe what God says. To believe in them means to be living in them and acting upon them. God would never promise anything that He would not deliver so “Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God” (2 Cor 7:1). Read some of these verses and memorize them, internalize them, and hide them in your heart because “the promise that he made to us [is] eternal life” (1 John 2:25). With these powerful promises locked away and hidden in your heart, you’ll have a deep treasure trove of Scriptures to bring up in times of need, when these reminders can build you up in the faith and change your life forever.

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