



A Promise
Made-

A
Promise
Kept

James 4:8 "A Christmas Promise"

Summary of Today's Message

It's unfortunate, but true, that we don't always keep the promises we make. But when God makes a promise, He always delivers! We can celebrate the fact that God kept His promise when He visited this world in time and space in the person of His Son, Jesus, who became flesh and blood and dwelt among us.

A Christmas Promise

According to one account, there are 3573 promises in
the Bible

All the promises in the Bible are not for us in our time;
some are

As you read some of these promises they get wilder and
wilder

when you look at them in retrospect

Prophecies in Scripture That Seem Wild-Far Out-

Adam and Eve after they were kicked out of the garden, God said I am going to send a man that is going to enable you to get back in the garden.

Moses despite that he had a stuttering problem and an anger problem God said, “Mo, you’re my man to lead the Israelites out of slavery

Prophecies in Scripture That Seem Wild-Far Out-

Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the

Men which were upon the face of the earth

David just an unknown freckled face boy-God used
the prophet

Samuel to anoint him to be the king of Israel

Prophecies in Scripture That Seem Wild-Far Out-

Isaiah the prophet said that Jesus would be bruised
for our iniquities, by his stripes we are healed,
suffering would be the plight of Jesus

Yet he foretold the birth of Jesus in Isaiah 7:14,
Isaiah 9:6

Prophecies in Scripture That Seem Wild-Far Out-

God chose an innocent Jewish virgin to be the
mother of Jesus

This is a WOW promise

There is a Christmas promise in James chapter 4 verse 8

James says when we receive Jesus into our hearts and then live like the world, we are double-minded, and we commit adultery. The church is the Bride and Jesus is the Bridegroom is the metaphor that is used

There is a Christmas promise in James chapter 4
verse 8

James says God gives us “greater grace”(James 4:6)
which means when we are at a low point in our
spiritual life because of negative circumstances He
gives greater grace.

Here's the promise in James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

For every promise there is a premise.

How Do We Draw Near to God?

Our hands must be clean

Our hearts must be pure

Psalm 24:3-5

Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?

Or who may stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,

Nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive blessing from the Lord,

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Jesus Must be Lord of All or He is Not Lord at all

We must make Jesus not only our Savior but our Lord and then we can really experience the joy and radiance of Christmas