

“Promise Keeper”

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What In this Readers Theater packed with Scripture, we celebrate God's promises kept through the advent of Jesus and reassures us that His promise to return is trustworthy.

Themes: Advent, Christmas, Reader's Theatre, God's promises, Second Coming, Faith

Who Reader 1
Reader 2
Reader 3

When Present

Wear (Props) Readers sit on stools (alternately, readers can stand) and read from black binders. Readers should wear black or neutral colors.

Why Hebrews 10:23

How Because this script consists solely of Scripture verses, it's easy to let expression get lost in the familiarity (or the wordiness!). Make sure each line is properly accented and expressed so that the words' intent is clear and continuity is maintained.

While it's fine for actors to hold the script behind binders, each one should be familiar enough with the script that they don't need to look down continuously.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

Readers are seated center stage, facing the audience.

Reader 1: I write this to further the faith of God's chosen ones in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before time began.

Reader 2: Tell those who are anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! With divine retribution, God comes to deliver you." The LORD your God is the one who is going with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.

Reader 3: Not one of the Lord's faithful promises to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everyone was realized. For every one of God's promises are "Yes" in him; therefore, also through him the "Amen" is spoken, to the glory we give to God.

Reader 1: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are in no way least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel. The people walking in darkness see a great light; light shines on those who live in a land of deep darkness. The splendor of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it at the same time. For the Lord has spoken it!

Reader 3: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has redeemed his people! Because of our God's tender mercy, the dawn will break upon us from on high, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Reader 2: My eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: A light, revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.

Reader 3: For he always remembers his covenant, the promise he made to a thousand generations. And the Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Reader 1: And when the appropriate time had come, God sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law. This all happened so that was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: "Look! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will name him Emmanuel," which means "God with us."

Reader 2: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We saw his glory- the glory of the one and only Son, full of grace and truth, who came from the Father.

Reader 1: Christ was sacrificed once to bear the sins of many; and to those who eagerly await him, he will appear a second time, not to bear sin but to bring salvation. He commands all people everywhere to repent,

because he has set a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness.

Reader 3: Watch out that no one misleads you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will mislead many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Nation will rise up in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. You will be hated by all the nations because of my name...but the person who endures to the end will be saved.

Reader 2: When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Reader 1: For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God...

Reader 2: When Christ who is your life appears, then you too will be revealed in glory with him.

Reader 1: ...and so, we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader 3: "Yes, surely I am coming soon."

Reader 2: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Reader 1: Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.

Reader 2: And let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for the one who made the promise is trustworthy.

Lights fade.

Scripture References:

***All scripture references used with permission from the NET Bible.**

Titus 1:1-2; Isaiah 35:4; Deut 31:6; Josh 21:45; 1 Cor 1:20; Matt 2:6; Isaiah 9:2; Isaiah 40:5; Luke 1:68, 78-79; Luke 2:30; Psalm 105:8; 2 Peter 3:9; Gal 4:4; Mt 1:22-23; John 1:14; Heb 9:28; Acts 17:30-31; Mt 24:4-7, 9, 13; Luke 21:28, 33; 1 Thess 4:16-18; Col 3:4; Rev 22:12, 17; Psalm 119:49; Heb 10:23