

 God delivered Ishmael because of promises He had made to him. Identify the promises in each of these verses that have been made to believers in Christ:
a. I John 1:9

b. Psalm 85:8

- **c.** Psalm 67:6-7
- d. Psalm 23:1-6
- e. Matthew 28:20
- f. I John 5:14-15
- g. John 14:13-14
- h. I Corinthians 10:13

- i. II Thessalonians 3:3
- j. I John 2:25
- k. James 2:5
- l. Galatians 3:29
- 2. Describe God's promises based on II Peter 1:4:

a. How has God confirmed His promises to believers? (Hebrews 6:13-20)

b. What must we remember about the timing of God's promises? (II Peter 3:9)

c. What is there about God's character that makes His promises sure? (I Thessalonians 5:24)

d. What are we sometimes tempted to do in spite of knowing God's promise? (Hebrews 10:23)

- e. How has all of God's promises ultimately been fulfilled? (II Corinthians 1:18-20)
- f. What percentage of completion would you assign to God's promises based on I Kings 8:56?
- 3. What has Job's wife's advice to him when he found himself in the "wilderness"? (Job 2:7-9)

a. How commendable was Job's response? (Job 2:10)

b. How did Job's attitude quickly deteriorate? (Job 3:1-26)

- c. Do you live in fear of God calling you into the desert with only Him to depend on? (Job 3:25)
- d. How did Job's perspective change by the end of his experience? (Job 42:1-6)

4. What have you learned about God that you only learned in desert experiences?

5. How much better prepared, or more willing, are you to go into the desert with God the older you get in the Lord?