

I want to take a few moments of your time to show you some of the promises of our Father in Heaven. Few Christians today know of these promises, and fewer believe them. This is your time to learn and believe them, and then you will be equipped to successfully handle any landmines in your daily life. Live the life our Father designed for you and pass this along to others.

Before I start, I want to give all the credit for the idea and this document to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I serve Them above all else. I also want to thank my pastors Thurman Scrivner and Dave Rosenfeld from The Living Savior Ministries (TLSM.org) who taught me these promises. The TLSM.org site is filled with sermons, articles and testimonies of people who have been saved and healed by Jesus. They conduct monthly healing schools and weekly worship services. Jesus shows up every time!

Now let's jump right into a few of the many promises of God.

FORGIVENESS

God would never hand me over to satan, would He? He is a loving God. Take a look in Matthew 18, where Jesus is talking to Peter:

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (Matthew 18:34-5 KJV)

That's very clear to me - is it clear to you? Our heavenly Father will deliver us to the tormentors(satan and demons) if we don't forgive the trespasses of every one of our brothers FROM OUR HEARTS.

Let's back up a moment and consider the entire parable in Matthew 18:21-35. Peter came to Jesus and asked how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Peter thought he was being generous by offering to forgive his brother seven times. Jesus replied that seventy times seven (70 x 7 = 490 times) was appropriate. So not seven times should Peter forgive, but four hundred ninety times should he forgive!

Also consider Mark 11 where Jesus provides detail on how the Father forgives us:

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11:25-26 KJV)

Again it's clear that we need to forgive others so that the Father will forgive our trespasses. Why is it so important to be forgiven by the Father? Does it really matter if we forgive others? Look at Matthew 7:21 for a straightforward answer:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21 KJV)

So if you don't do the will of the Father, you won't enter heaven. If you wonder what the Father's will is, just read the Bible - it records so much about His will for us. And His will includes forgiveness. There's no way around it. You need to forgive others from your heart! Do it now with sincerity.

FAITH

Let's look at other promises from our Father. All these require faith. In Matthew 7 Jesus says:

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8 KJV)

Consider the promises packed in these verses:

1. Everyone who asks receives
2. He who seeks will find
3. Whoever knocks shall encounter an open door

Later in Matthew, Jesus makes another bold statement that few believe:

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 18:19 KJV)

This is a mighty promise from our Father. If two people on earth agree and ask *any thing*, it shall be done for them by the Father. Whoa! How many Christians truly believe this promise? These are all mighty promises from the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). And what is faith? We look to Hebrews again for a definition:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 KJV)

Therefore faith is substance and evidence - both words alluding to a concrete, physical form. Faith is not just a thought or a hope; it is

physically having the things you hope for and the things you don't see yet. How do you get faith? God won't tell you to do something and not give you a way to get there. Look at Romans 10:17:

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
(Romans 10:17 KJV)

So faith comes from hearing the word of God. Speak the word out loud and your faith will increase. Finally, consider how doubt affects your relationship with the Father:

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. (Romans 14:23 KJV)

These are His words, not mine. Whatever is not of faith is sin!

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

Let's now consider another group of promises from the Lord. In this section we will look at both good and not-so-good promises. In Joshua 1:8 the Father said He would make your way prosperous, but what are the requirements for this prosperity? Take a look at Joshua 1:8 for the answer:

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (Joshua 1:8 KJV)

The requirements are to meditate on the Bible and do all that's written in it (and don't let it depart from your mouth). That's it! Why won't most people take these steps for the Lord's blessing? What will you do?

Look at Deuteronomy 28 starting in verse 1 for more information about what we should do to receive His blessings:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (Deuteronomy 28:1 KJV)

Again, all we need to do is diligently listen to the Lord, and to observe and do all his commandments. If we do, He will set us above all the nations of the earth. In Deuteronomy 28 the first fourteen verses provide great detail of His blessings, but the last **fifty-three**

verses in chapter 28 provide detail of His curses. There's not enough space here to list out all the curses, but look for yourself in Deuteronomy 28:16-68. Verse 15 is a crucial transition:

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt **not hearken** unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: (Deuteronomy 28:15 KJV emphasis added)

Now before you start feeling faint about all these curses, meditate on Proverbs 26:

As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. (Proverbs 26:2 KJV)

What this means is that a curse will not come upon you without a cause. You shouldn't be afraid if you've done nothing wrong. If you have, then ask the Father to forgive your sins and hearken unto His voice.

HEALING

Let's now consider the promises of God to heal you and others. Did you know that your faith can heal the sick? Let's take a look at what James the half brother of Jesus wrote:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:15 KJV)

To me this passage is straightforward - the prayer of faith shall save the sick. If you were to stop reading there, you should rejoice! Your prayer will heal the sick. Actually, the phrase "shall save" in the Greek is "Sozo" (Strong's G4982). Sozo means more than just save and heal. As Pastor Thurman Scrivner teaches, Sozo means all of these things:

- Saved
- Healed
- Made Whole
- Delivered
- Preserved

Therefore, your prayer offered in faith, shall save, heal, make whole, deliver and preserve a person. That the Father gives us this ability is incredible! We need to use it! Don't let any sick person stay sick. Pray for them and quote this verse - the Father will hear your prayer and determine your level of faith.

Let's back up a few verses and start in James 5:13 to get the context for this ability.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. (James 5:13 KJV)

If you're afflicted, pray. If you're merry, sing psalms. Then the next verses lay out what to do if anyone around you is sick:

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:14-15 KJV)

These verses are instructing you to take action if someone is sick: call the church elders, let them pray over the sick, and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Again, it seems straightforward, doesn't it? Call, pray, anoint. But look at the results and what the Lord does next: the prayer *of faith* will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up and forgive his sins. As I said in the beginning of this section, you must pray in faith!

Consider Ephesians 3, where we learn just how big our Father is:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (Ephesians 3:20 KJV)

Our Father is able to do more than we can possible ask or even think. So think of something huge and bold - He can do so much more than that! Ask Him for something gigantic - He can do so much more than that! Also note that this power works within us! That is truly amazing and awesome that our Father would do these things for us.

POWER OVER THE ENEMY

Finally, let's look at what God has infused in us. In Luke 9, Jesus sent his disciples out into the world to heal the sick and cure diseases. He gave them power and authority over all devils (evil spirits).

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. (Luke 9:1-2 KJV)

The disciples were given all this power by Jesus. In Luke 10, Jesus appoints and gives power to an additional seventy people:

After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. (Luke 10:1 KJV)

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. (Luke 10:17 KJV)

In Luke 10, these weren't the disciples - they were seventy regular people. Even the devils were subject to these seventy THROUGH HIS NAME. Jesus didn't originally send them to cast out devils, but the seventy found that they were able to do just that. Their power came directly from the name of Jesus. He said that we will do the same works He did; even greater works than the works He did (John 14:12). We have the same power today, through His name. Consider what Jesus says in Luke 10:19-20:

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:19-20 KJV)

I want to point you to a comprehensive article by David Guzik, who unpacks the entire tenth chapter of Luke. You can access it here: https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/archives/guzik_david/StudyGuideLuk/Luk_10.cfm.

CONCLUSION

I hope you enjoyed reading about these promises from our Father. In some cases, the Bible verses may have highlighted your shortcomings. However, you now have a roadmap to get back on the righteous path. Our Father is waiting for you to take the first step in faith! What's keeping you from starting right now?

For more articles and information about growing in your walk with the Father, check out our website: AndThenWhat.church. God bless you!