

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 - live the life our Father designed for you!

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

FORGIVENESS

God would never hand us over to satan, would He? He is a loving God. Take a look in Matthew 18, where Jesus is finishing a parable:

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! 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.

Consider the entire parable in Matthew 18:21-35. Peter asked Jesus how often he should forgive someone. Peter thought he was being generous by saying seven times. Jesus replied that seventy times seven (490 times) was appropriate. This does not literally mean 490 times, but forgive continually. Don't let a seed of bitterness lodge in your soul. But also realize that forgiveness is separate from accountability. People are accountable for their actions.

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)

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. And His will includes forgiveness. There's no way around it. You need to forgive others from your heart! Do it now with sincerity.

THE TONGUE

Your tongue is a small part of your body, but it can influence great things. Your words guide your life, like the rudder guides a ship. Look at James 3:5-6 to see how powerful your tongue (and words) are. Also consider that God spoke the universe into existence with words (Genesis 1). Imagine how powerful that is!

You should not grumble or complain (Philippians 2:14, James 5:9). You will be justified or condemned by your words (Matthew 12:37). If you say something and then don't follow through, your mind will learn to disregard what you say. Later when you try and speak to a figurative mountain blocking your spiritual walk, your mind will not believe you. For example, if you say things like "I'll be at work by 8am," but are consistently late, your mind will eventually stop believing you. Then when you try and speak to sickness (a mountain) and say "I am not getting sick" your mind won't believe you (Mark 11:22-23).

FAITH

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

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:

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 Jesus, 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)

Faith is physically having the things you hope for and evidence of things you don't see. 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 12:3 and Romans 10:17:

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

So each of us is allotted a measure of faith. And faith comes from hearing the word of God. Speak the Bible out loud and your faith will increase. Finally, consider how doubt and faith are opposites:

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)

Also consider faith and doubt in Mark 11. Jesus tells His disciples to have faith in God (about the fig tree Jesus cursed) and to not doubt in their hearts.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
(Mark 11:22-23 KJV)

Notice Jesus said to avoid **heart** doubt, not **head** doubt. You can doubt in your head and still have what you say.

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 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?

Look at Deuteronomy 28:1 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. Deuteronomy 28:1-14 provides 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.

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 you need to repent and ask the Father to forgive you. Ask Him to show you things you may not remember (Jeremiah 33:3).

HEALING

Let's now consider the promises of God to heal you and others. Did you know that your faith can heal the sick? Look at James 5:

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)

Church elders should pray and anoint a sick person with oil, and their prayer of faith shall save him. The phrase "shall save" in Greek is "Sozo" (Strong's G4982). Sozo means more than just save and heal. It 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. Don't let any sick person stay sick. Have elders pray for them and quote this verse - the Father will hear their prayer of faith and save the sick.

Consider Psalm 103:1-5 and all the promises it holds for us. Verse 3 talks about the Lord who pardons all your iniquities and heals all your diseases. All means ALL! You must know He wants to heal you.

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 seventy other 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 demons were subject to these seventy THROUGH HIS NAME. Jesus didn't originally send them to cast out demons, 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 said 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)

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 right path and the Holy Spirit to guide you. Jesus said His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matthew 11:30). Take the first step in faith! If you don't know something, use Jeremiah 33:3 to get your answer.

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