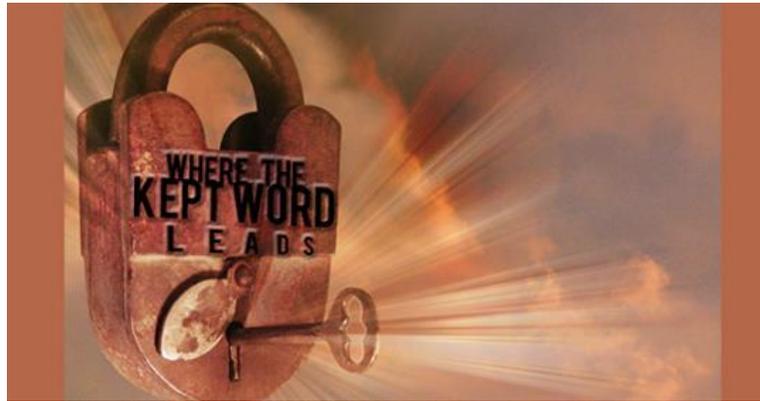


GOD'S RESOURCES INTRODUCTION



Absolute belief in God's Word is mandatory for every believer. Jesus is dead serious about His Word; in fact, He died to keep His Word. We so often try to assemble something without the owner's manual. God, in His divine wisdom, has supplied us instructions within the pages of scripture. Who better to teach us than the *author and finisher* of our faith (Jesus) in all doctrinal truths?

Reading and understanding the full context of Scripture is the only way it applies to our lives. Although given freely, we need to perform our part to obtain the promise. The author of Hebrews states, *"But without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."* It is interesting to note this scripture points out that we first do the will of God, and then with patience, we wait to receive the promise. So, in faith, we do the will of God by believing He will perform, then with patience, we await the sign of His working, which is our hope. *It is through our endurance and its fruit-bearing that makes alive our soul, our new life unto God.*

Jesus Christ declared, *"I have come. In the volume of the book, it is written of Me."* Therefore, Scripture should always be at the *threshold of every decision* we face. For it is *God's Mind Written Down*. It's like *Jesus reciting Himself*.

There are over *3,000 promises* in the Bible and finding one for any need is possible with God's guidance. It is not enough to read a promise, name it and claim it, expecting God to apply it in your life. Promises are not God's *"Blab It and Grab It Doctrine"*! **GOD DOESN'T PLAY THAT GAME!**

A PARAPHRASED EXAMPLE OF THE PROMISE IN JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

God’s past promises meet our present response. Given freely, we in faith, accept and apply them to our lives. Faith is believing God’s Word and acting upon it. Put another way, God is saying “If you do this, I will do that, because I have already done this.” Thus, God’s past promises meet our prompt response. His predetermined plan for us included His Promises.

Therefore, we have a past promise (working) that if we in faith believe in Jesus Christ and are born again, we will receive eternal life. We must apply this promise through the principle of faith. Without God’s principles, the process of transforming us into the image of Christ will not take root to change our lives.

- **THE PROMISE** – *Everlasting Life*
- **THE PERSON** – *Jesus, God’s Only Begotten Son*
- **THE PURPOSE** – *Never Condemned*
- **THE PRINCIPLE** – *Believe What God Has Said*
- **THE PROCESS** – *The Cross of Christ*

JESUS’ past workings (*on the Cross*) meet our believing God’s Word (*confession of sins*) producing (*salvation and redemption*) with our prompt response. Accepting and applying promises will save us, change us, heal us, conform us, and prepare us to exhort and comfort others.

The reason God can keep promises is that He made them and created the path to their fulfillment. God says, if you faithfully believe and apply them, I will fulfill them because I’ve already prepaid and prepared the way beforehand.

Remember GOD is the Promise Keeper

However, keep in mind:

*“God’s promises will expire (in the **twinkling** of an eye) between our last breath and our entrance into eternity.”*

Each day is a day closer to Eternity therefore, *Today is the day of salvation*

Jesus Spilt His Blood on The Cross for Our Salvation. If We Get a Splinter Picking Up Our Cross, It Won't Kill Us.

GOD'S PATH – GOD'S WORD – GOD'S HEART

*“Thy WORD is a Lamp unto my Feet and a Light unto my Path.”
(Psalm 119: 105)*

The Good News is we have a roadmap to follow, and it is the WORD of GOD. If we lack understanding, ask God in prayer, and He will increase our faith to understand His wisdom and truth.

Following is an excellent roadmap to guide us and equip us to apply His Word as we move toward eternity. Keeping our eyes upon the prize that is in Christ Jesus, let's commit ourselves to the leading and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Word will lead you, instruct you, mature you, protect you, and supply promises needed to escape the fiery trials of life.

Knowledge is the Apprehension of TRUTH in one's mind, but
Wisdom is the Application of TRUTH to one's life.

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

GODS WORD

THE GOAL OF THE WORD: *To “study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).*

THE PURPOSE OF THE WORD: *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).*

THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE WORD:

- Are there any *Examples* for me to Follow?
- Are there any *Commands* for me to Obey?
- Are there any *Errors* for me to Avoid?
- Are there any *SINS* for me to Forsake?
- Are there any *New Thoughts* about GOD Himself?
- Are there any *Promises* for me to Apply?
- Are there any *Principles* I must Accept?

THE PROMISE FROM THE WORD: *“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”* (John 14:26).

A PROMISE

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13).

A PRAYER

Dear God, help me to live a committed life sanctified through your holy scripture. Give me a burning desire to increase my faith and lean not to my own understanding. To acknowledge your path is the right road for me to travel. Give me wisdom in all decisions and let me drink your living water. Help me bring my thoughts under control by putting on the mind of Christ. Utmost, correct me and hear me when I cry out for forgiveness. **In Jesus’s name-AMEN**
