



GREAT PROMISED BLESSINGS

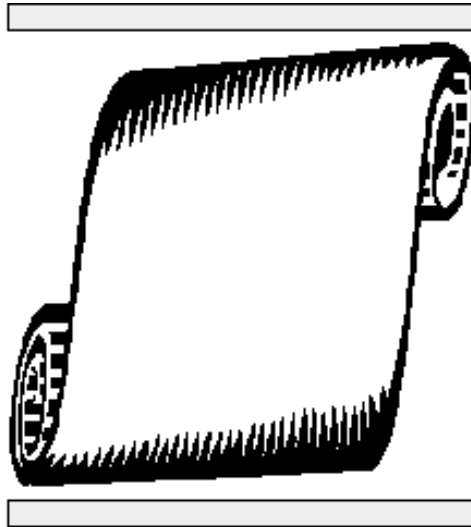
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I am watching over My word to fulfill it. Jer. 1:12

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. For His divine power has bestowed us every requisite for life and godliness, through knowing Him who called us to His own glory and excellence. Through these we have been granted great and promised blessings, so by means of them you might become sharers of divine nature, having escaped from corruption in the world that arises from passion. 2 Peter 1:2-4 NRB

A closer look at these verses suggests to us that great blessings and promises have been given to us not for situations or difficult circumstances when they arise



"In Christ all the promises of God are yes. For this reason we also say through Him "AMEN" 2Cor.2:20

in our lives or when the need is there, but for the everyday living. The promises of God were not given as an escape when times of trouble arise, or something we claim because of need, but for a means to live by everyday of the year.

1 John 2:6 says that "One who claims to remain in Him ought himself to live the way He

lived". We know that Jesus lived by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God, and so should we. He did not claim the promise of God when He needed it, they governed all of His affairs of life. He knew the promises and went out each day with confidence of what He could expect. He went out fulfilling the promises of God.

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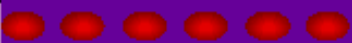
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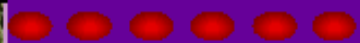
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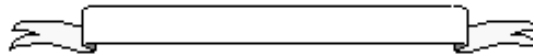


everything pertaining to life and godliness was theirs in the garden. They could eat freely of any tree while in the garden. For them, it was life to live that way, it was normal. The strange way came when sin entered the world and they were cast from the garden and it was pronounced that "cursed is the soil on your account; by toil you shall eat from it all your life. Thorns and thistles it shall grow for you and you must eat herbs of the field. In the sweat of your brow you must make a living until you return to the ground, because out of it you were taken; for dust you are and dust you shall return". Gen. 3:17-19

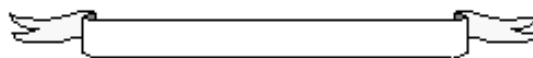
Things became abnormal when all the hard work Adam did couldn't produce what God had simply and freely given to them. Can you see Adam in the field working day in and day out for over 900 years hav

provision of God yet now not being able to partake of it like he used to? Can you imagine the regret? All his work didn't amount to much as he always had to return to his work again and again.

We see Abraham who God made rich because he believed God and it was credited to him as



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righteousness. Solomon, who when asked what he wanted by God, chose to know God and became the wealthiest man alive. David also sought God and when he died gave an abundance of gold to the construction

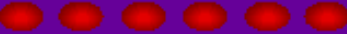
promises of God, toil was taken from them and they lived a different lifestyle; one where God was their provider.

The new testament exhorts us to enter God's rest, which is a ceasing from striving (toiling) and a knowing that God is God. He has finished the work; just like in creation, there was nothing left for man to add to it. God created man on the last day, not the first. When He created man, He did not ask for help in respect to creation. Man's first day on earth was God's day of rest. Likewise, in the new creation, Jesus said, "It is finished," and we are born into God's rest regarding salvation. Now God asks us to maintain a life of fellowship and abiding in Him, while all things pertaining to life and godliness are ours, in Christ. I do not say that

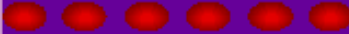
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So we see that as these men chose to live by the

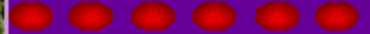
Christ. I do not say that we do not need to witness or work to make a living, however the striv-



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should be out of our lives. Christ is our life. Work serves us, we do not serve work. We do not witness to gain God's approval but because we've already been approved by God. Our work is advancement of the kingdom of God, not a maintaining of a living one week to the next. Our curse has been broken by Jesus and we now have all these great and precious promises to live by. It's not an occasional tapping into the power of God to see some manifestation for a temporal situation. It's having the power and promises of God for every situation.

In all actuality, to be in Christ, is to be back in the garden. Eph. 1:3 Phil. 4:13,19 2 Peter 1:2-4

When we are in Christ everything we are is absorbed by Him and everything He is becomes ours and we become partakers of divine na

ture. As we are in Christ He also is in us. Whatever our needs are, they become His, and His provision becomes ours, and He has no lack. Our weakness becomes absorbed in His strength. Our lack becomes absorbed in His abundance. Our sickness becomes absorbed in His life. The



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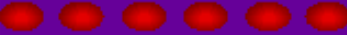


struggle for us comes in our failure to rest in His work that has been accomplished at the cross.

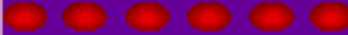
When a man falls into quick sand his first reaction is to struggle to save his own life, however the

sealing his own fate. A drowning man's worst enemy is panic. If a lifeguard goes to save a drowning man and he is thrashing about he could endanger his own life, so he must wait for the drowning man to exhaust himself to be able to save him. So it is many times with us, Jesus is willing to help but our own thrashing and struggle cause us to sink more and more instead of being lifted out. When Peter was sinking while walking on water he cried out to Jesus and immediately Jesus' hand was on his own. Heb.4:11 says, "Let us exert ourselves to enter that rest, so that none may fall on account of disobedience. Basically this is saying exert yourselves to believe God. We are not trying to attain but to maintain what God has given us. If I attain something, it comes by

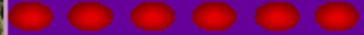
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much striving. It costs me much work. But if I obtain it because someone else paid for it then my striving has ended. We didn't attain it, we obtained it by Christ. Now we maintain it by faith.

If I work hard to gain wealth and become wealthy then I could say that I attained wealth. However if I inherit wealth, then I did nothing for it. It became mine through another's generosity. Thus attaining

comes with striving and obtaining with another having done it all. Thus Christ has obtained for us a better covenant based on better promises. Namely that our striving has come to an end and that we have inherited salvation, by grace (undeserved favor). It's all by believing these great and precious promises, that they might govern our whole affairs and by them become sharers of divine nature.

As one brother has put it, if we could just grab hold of one promise of God and live it out everyday our lives would be radically changed.

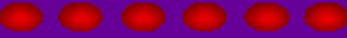
The word disobedience can be translated unbelief. To not believe is the same as disobeying. Jesus' name, as well as His character is Faithful and True; Always faithful, always true. He will never let us down. So let us believe and live by the promises of God. They are given for you!!



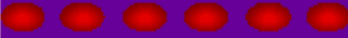
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