

# How To Use the Promises

## PART 2

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We may read the promises in this way: "It maybe I will get an answer and maybe not," but by a steadfast faith it does not stop or settle on the "not". Satan has us praying according to a pendulum; "will I, will I not: but the pendulum does not have to stop on the "NOT." That is a positive fact. If we believe the promises have "YES" to the end of them, there would be no pendulum praying, there would not be these vague thoughts to our mind; we would not look at our past experiences, nor go by our feelings whether they be good or bad. God says it is so in His Word and that should be enough evidence for us. "God's Word says it is done, and I am going to believe it." (Mark 11:24) *"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."* (1 John 5:14-15) *"And in this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him."*

A member prayed for one of her relatives to come here to a service, she had made arrangements to go elsewhere to church. This member refused all the suggestions of Satan to her mind, and she told the Lord she believed He would bring them. She started from home leaving the relative still there, but when she got to the service, she found that relative here also, having come by a shorter route.

This was brought about because she was determined to believe God's Word. The relative not only came to the church but fully accepted the Truth and became a member also. Why? Because someone was willing to lay Satan's suggestions aside, as well as all human considerations, ideas, and plans, and was willing to stand on the Word, as sufficient evidence; saying, "I will believe she is going to the church, just as if I saw her there."

Beloved, that is what it means to take hold of the Word and hold on to it and bring forth fruit with patience. Every deliverance and blessing hinges on that attitude that we take toward the promises.

*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."* (John 16:23-24)

*"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."* (Mark 11:24)

Another fact about these promises is that we should never forget how valuable they are; they are full of life and power. What is meant by that? It means exactly the same as if God stood at our side and said, "I am here to answer your prayer; I have selected you personally to answer prayer for you." "I have come to answer your prayer, to forgive your sins."

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9)

*"I have come to fill you with the Holy Spirit."*

*"I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."* (Romans 12:1-2)

*"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"* (Luke 11:13)

"I have come to heal that sick, diseased, emaciated body."*"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)

Jesus told the man who was brought through the roof- Mark 2:5—that his sins were forgiven. *"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."* (Mark 2:5)

He then told him to go home and take his bed with him. *"But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he*

*saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.”* (Mark 2:10-12)

That is just what He is saying to us, through these promises. It was the same with the man at the pool. He said to him; “Wilt thou be made whole?” “Oh, yes; I am waiting for some man to put me into that pool. I have been trying to get well.” Jesus said: “All right, you are well, get up and go home.”

*“And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him. Wilt thou be made whole?”*

*“The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus said unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.”* (John 5 :5-9)

*“He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”* (Psalm 107 :20)

We are to receive pardon, cleansing, healing, and everything else through the Word or promises of God. Satan tries to get our minds filled with his ideas, suggestions, fears, human considerations, etc., in order that we might lay aside the Word of God; which always tells us our prayers are answered.

The pastor said, “We were in touch with a man, who had blood-poisoning in his hand, and it seemed to get worse instead of better. He went aside and placed that hand before God; saying, ‘Your promises say that hand is well and when your Son was here on earth, He said whatever we would ask Thee in His name, You would do for us even until our joy was full.’”

Now, I am going to take that promise just as it reads and believe it just as if Thou didst stand right here in front of me and speaking to me with your own lips. Your Word says if I ask anything of Thee, in Thy Son’s name, I should receive it, if I believed I received when I ask.” He

said that His hand was well almost as soon as he had prayed in that way. The disease was killed at that very moment. Why? Because he decided to accept that Word, which is full of life and power.

The Word which comes to us today means just as much as if it had never been spoken to anyone before. God says: “I am ready, waiting to do what you want Me to do; to answer every prayer for the pardon of your sins, healing of your body, fullness of righteousness and of the Holy Spirit; in fact, everything you need in order to be righteous, happy, and well.”

Beloved, why not stop and take account of stock? A brother testified that when prayer was offered, the terrible pain he had was instantly healed; he did not realize what had happened; what had gone through him; he tried to discover where the pain went,

We also had a sister who came to attend a service. She had been suffering for a long time. She was anointed, and later she came to me; saying, “I would like to ask you something in confidence; would you tell me where that pain went?” I said— “Back to Satan, back to the Pit, where it came from and where it originated.”

Now the next point, briefly, is that the promises, or the Word of God is the means God uses to protect us; in other words, we are to be protected through the Word. We would not have a cold or cough, pain, or ache, if we thoroughly understood how to use the Word for protection. Remember Paul said we should take the shield of faith, which means we are to hold up the Word of God, which is the “Sword of the Spirit.” Whereby we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. That is some armor plate; no power on earth or hell can pass through that Word; and as we keep it between us and every evil thing, there is nothing that can touch us.

This armor plate is a mighty fortress. There is no disease germ, no pain, no ache, no power of Satan can penetrate that armor plate.

*“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.... Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”* (Ephesians 6:13 &16)

We can take this Word and use it as we are directed here, and we will have no “bad” days. The Word. is to be our “protector.” We have this brought out in Psalm 91—*“He that dwelleth in the*

*secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence”* (verses 1-3)—every foul smelling, catching disease, like chickenpox, the measles, and anything else that Satan may try to put on us.—*“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”* (Verse 4)

His Word—this Truth—is to stand between us and every power of the devil each day.

Another point about this protection is that it is only to be received one day at a time. You may have perfect peace in your home, perfect victory along every line, but only one day at a time is all we are promised. God well knew that if He would store us up with these blessings, we would begin to drift with the tide; but being compelled to trust Him just one day at a time we must live close to Him.

As soon as we say—“Oh, I am rowing along all right, I am going on with the tide; I do not need to worry about trusting the Lord now; I have all the victory I need; I can rest on my oars today.” Satan then consults with his agents—telling them to get out their big guns, as they are going to have a great battle; and something strikes that person and then they cry—“I did not do anything to bring on this attack; I was getting along so well.” Beloved, the truth is they were asleep at the switch; not “watching and praying” as we are commanded, “lest we enter into temptation.”

God never promised deliverance for more than one day at a time. That is a wonderful plan. You may have been in battles of various kinds for forty days; but could arise the next morning and go before God, taking a promise and believing it; Satan will have to flee, and you will have a perfect day.

The pastor said, “When I was a shipping clerk, I had some men under me—at least I thought they were, but I guess I was under them—and Satan took charge of that place and of those men. There was not a thing that went right any minute of the day. If you have ever been to a circus and seen the clown playing havoc with everything, you will have a picture of how Satan manipulated things in that place. When night came and I could go to sleep, I was happy; but

the moment the thought came that I was compelled to return the next morning I felt sad.”

I was a young Christian, and Satan told me that I must take everything that comes along; as things of such a character make Christians grow; that was the tribulation we read about; all that live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution. I never dreamed that the “chastisement of my peace” was laid upon Jesus; and I was not acquainted with anyone who understood it any more than I did. I was ignorant of the meaning of John 14:27.

*“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.”* Satan has no right to raise the weight of his finger against us if we really commit ourselves unto God in the right way every morning; but it must not be done as an experiment.

The pastor continued, “One day I discovered that it was Satan, who was making all my trouble. I got down before God and said—‘Dear Father, I have come to the conclusion that if the devil can give me many ‘bad’ days, surely You can give me a ‘good’ day today; I place this whole matter into Your hands and trust You alone to give me one of the ‘best’ days I have ever had.’”

Beloved, I will never forget that day, there was no “clown in the circus,” not a ripple on the water; everything was perfect; those men, who were always idling their time away, were working away and everything went along perfectly. Beloved, it was just because I used the Word that morning, asking in the name of Jesus Christ, and through the Blood of the everlasting covenant.

The pastor continued, “Then I learned my lesson that God could give me peace and victory every day, as well as one day. When I had thoroughly learned that lesson, God took me out of that job and made me a salesman, and put the man who did the most “loafing” on my job, and he had to work mighty hard: I learned the lesson that the devil can be rebuked and peace and victory be given in a hard place; that God can control everything.

So, His truth shall be our shield and buckler. We are taught how to use this Word in Luke 11:2-13. *“And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread.”*...

To see that we get plenty to eat and to supply all our temporal needs for today. “And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.”

To keep our sins pardoned and cleansed;  
to keep them under the Blood for today. “And lead  
us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”

Every morning we should pray that prayer—deliver us from the power of the devil and all his evil today. It does not mean that we must use those exact words every morning; but they cover all our spiritual, physical, and financial interests. As we do this, we will receive just what we desire for that day.

“Suppose,” said the pastor, “I asked for these things in the name of Jesus Christ, taking the promise—‘What things soever ye desire when we pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.’ For spiritual victory, healing and protection in my body and financial supplies; and to be kept out of the hands of Satan, perfect peace, and victory everywhere.”

The Word says that “if I believe I receive, I shall have it.” Satan makes the suggestion, “What kind of a day are you going to have?” “I do not know; I had a pretty bad one yesterday.” That means the shield and buckler is laid aside. Beloved, if you believed that Word, and the thought would come into your mind— “What kind of a day are you going to have?” You would answer immediately, “Praise God, I am going to have a day of victory; I am going to have a day of protection; my wife is going to act right for one day; my husband is going to be controlled by God for one day; my children are going to be obedient today, the devil is going out of them today; I am going to have perfect peace and harmony in my home today; there is going to be no sickness of any kind.

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