

# OWNERSHIP

## PART 2

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"Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whatsoever 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) Then comes our favorite verse: "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

When you have not had your prayer answered, it is time to search your heart and ask God to reveal to you what conditions you have not met, what hindrance is in the way; whether you have gone to a human bank instead of God's bank. We are to deal with God in exactly the same commonsense way, according to reason and justice as going to any earthly bank or business; and then we can receive anything on the face of the earth that we need, spiritually, physically, financially, in our home-life, or otherwise, and right in the present moment; for God says "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."

It is on our shoulders to say how much we shall have, just how much we are ready to believe God for, and we are not to go for it until we have fully decided that. We are to settle it in our hearts how much spiritual blessing we are ready to receive; how much of our inheritance we are ready to accept concerning the healing of our body; how much money we desire from God; how much we are ready to draw out of heaven's bank; how much peace and righteousness.

Then we should go to God and not look to anyone else but Him; depend on God alone and not anyone else; we are to put the matter into His hands and settle it to leave it there; put the job into His hands to leave it there.

Beloved, the devil's power will be broken immediately, and God will fill us with quietness and confidence, which will enable us to believe Him unto victory and will also begin to grant all the desires of our heart.

The only way we can hinder ourselves from receiving this inheritance which Jesus purchased for us is the same hindrance which would hinder us from getting money out of any earthly bank.

The pastor said, "Allow me to illustrate that to you: Suppose I pray for some money or a piece of furniture. Pardon me if I use a personal illustration. I did pray for a piece of furniture; and God says if I ask for anything I desire and believe I receive, I shall have it; if I would seek, I would find; if I knocked it would be opened unto me."

The pastor continued, "Well, I asked for this piece of furniture and immediately Satan said: 'You will receive a little money from this quarter and a little money from that quarter.' He had a plan made for me, and I accepted it, as it looked so good and reasonable and commonsense just as it should be. 'You will get a little money from that quarter and a small amount of money from that source; you will receive about \$10.00 in a few weeks and in two or three weeks another small amount, and very soon you will have that piece of furniture.' At the end of three weeks, I really had less money than before I prayed."

One Sunday night the pastor knelt down and said: "Lord, three weeks ago I asked you for a certain amount of money to purchase a piece of furniture, and I confess I have not trusted you at all; I have looked to the north, east, south, and west and have not received one penny, and it has served me right; tonight I transfer my confidence and gaze from the north, east, south, and west, from this earth and every human being in it to Thee and Thy great treasury in heaven; I see Thee going to that treasury department and taking out a bill for the amount I have asked for and sending it to me tonight."

In one hour and fifteen minutes I had the exact amount in a new bill, which had never been used. For the first time in three weeks, I was on Scriptural grounds; before that I was going to all the small banks to receive my money, which was deposited in heaven's bank.

All our peace, all our righteousness, all our health and protection, all our money, all our inheritance is deposited in one bank. We have been begotten unto a living hope "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:3-4) Nowhere else but in heaven. The very moment we have placed our desires into God's hands and are looking to Him absolutely and alone and have settled it that we will accept nothing from anyone else, or in any human plan, we will be in a position to receive whatever we desire, as God's power will begin to work at once.

That is the Gospel plan, that everything is absolutely FREE, and the conditions are the same as anyone going to draw out a deposit in any earthly bank; going and telling the man just what you want and when you want it; in just that way we are to go to God, and as we take the promises just as we would a check to the bank, we shall have granted the desires of our heart.

There is so little thought given to the promises; yet they are the most valuable truth we can consider; that this inheritance is absolutely FREE, that the last cord that held anybody's claim of it has been cut and it is absolutely in our possession; it is in our control; it is subject to our will. If we get that truth in our heart right, beloved, we can ASK, BELIEVE, and RECEIVE. We will be able to prove the following truth: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" (Matthew 7:7)

Jesus verified this truth to the woman at the well, when He said: "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water." (John 4:10)

If we have an idea that it is necessary to wring God's hands, because they are so tightly closed, and that it requires a mountain of faith to remove a mustard seed and to receive a mustard seed of blessing, and that it requires a twenty-mule team to reach God and receive any of His blessing, of course, we shall receive nothing. We must go to God in exactly the same attitude that we go to any earthly bank; we are compelled to go to the right place, the proper person. As we read this Word, the Holy Spirit sheds His light on it.

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." (1 Corinthians 2:12)

Jesus Christ died to give us peace; He died to give us righteousness; He died to give us health and strength in our bodies; His body was broken that ours might be whole; and it is also written that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

This means in a financial way. Beloved, God is interested in our personal blessings. As you trust Him, you will discover that He has a great

interest in your personal deliverances and blessings, in your deliverances from all sin and evil, from all sorrow and burden and every work of Satan. For this purpose, He allowed Jesus to hang on the Cross; that is the interest He has in us.

Let us grasp fully the truth conveyed in 2 Peter 1:3- "According as His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue....

In the 4th verse it tells us something else. Please do not get tired of this text, as we desire to realize it to its fullest extent, in the bottom recesses of our heart, that it may become a reality that these promises are God's "dollar bills." They bear the same relation before God as dollar bills do to our government. They have not the actual value in themselves, but they have the whole power of the government in back of them, with the full amount and value of money, to make it good.

God's promises represent the Blood of Jesus Christ, and everything that Jesus Christ died for is included in these promises. Is that not valuable to know? These promises contain all that Jesus Christ died for; all the power that God has is wrapped up in these promises; they represent our inheritance.

If you went to the store to purchase some groceries and expected to buy \$10 worth, you would take a ten-dollar bill with you, and then say: "Well, I think I had better take another dollar with me to be sure to have enough to cover the bill of groceries, car fare, etc. The United States Government will stand for eleven dollars.

Beloved, everyone of God's promises have unlimited value in back of them, that is the difference between God's "dollar bills" and those of the government; the United States currency has a limit; it only represents a certain amount, just what the "dollar bills" call for; but God's promises represent His entire wealth, reserved for us in heaven, and we may have all we need or desire, for time and eternity; spiritually, physically, financially, and in our home-life: We should learn to use these promises just as we would dollar bills, because they represent the Blood of Jesus Christ; and when used exactly as directed in God's Word, they place us under the Blood.

God says in 2 Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises;

that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.”....

How is it that in the previous verse it states that His divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness? Beloved, this is the connection, that it is necessary for us to receive the divine nature FIRST before we can obtain anything, or before we can receive through these promises.

Beloved, the greatest curse we find in this Christian work is that people who come to us for help start out saying--"I am a Christian; I am all right; I am packed up ready for heaven." They have no more of the divine nature than a post has. They do not meet things right, and if you lived with them in their homes, you would discover how much of self was left in them.

When they are ill, they go to everybody but God for their deliverance; when they need money, they borrow or buy on credit, rather than trust the living God. Others will tell you they have come for healing, and they know nothing about the divine nature, which is in reality what they need. Beloved, when you need healing of your body in any measure you may rest assured it is because of unbelief or a lack of the divine nature in you, as revealed by Romans 8:11—"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

This means that He will put life into these bodies. Our ignorance, our unbelief, our lack of having Jesus Christ enthroned in His fulness allows Satan to rob us of our health. If we have Christ enthroned in our hearts, he cannot harm us, nor rob us of this fullness of life physically. This being the case, we need to go to God and receive grace, wisdom, and understanding how to watch and pray against Satan.

When the little lamb's blood was placed on the door of the Israelites down in Egypt, not even a dog could move his tongue against man or beast. If the blood of a little lamb would not allow Satan to bring a pestilence to destroy the people, how much more will the Blood of Jesus Christ do for us today? When we realize what the divine nature enables and get a grasp of the full importance of the Blood of Jesus Christ, Satan will not be able to rob us of the fulness of our life.

When we settle it to go through with God, we will have confidence to ask and receive His divine nature; that is why that is spoken of first. When we become real partakers of the divine nature, we shall be able to get anything God has for us, all the righteousness and peace we desire, all the health and strength we desire, all the money we can use for ourselves and all we desire to give away.

If Satan can succeed in filling us with doubts and fears and get us to looking to human beings, looking at that person, and the other place for help; getting us to accept his plans as to how our needs are to be supplied and when they are to be met, we will receive no financial blessings; and we will be saying—"I do not believe in God's financial plan as they teach in the full Truth; I tried it, and it did not work out." Of course, it did not work out and never would. However, if we give these lives to God right and receive the divine nature, we will find out how to get victory; He will show us how to receive it, which is that He must have full and supreme control of our life.

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