

# **BELIEVE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR TODAY**

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Today's instant everything and wanting things delivered now, is a reminder that all through Scripture, there were manifestations of God's power in delivering His people, and answering their prayers. If that is not what we have experienced, then we should re-claim our Atonement rights in Christ Jesus, and not allow our prayers to go unanswered.

Most Christian churches, unfortunately, teach (because this is what they believe) that God does not manifest His power today; He does not heal people today; He does not supply their financial needs; does not protect them from harm; nor does He do anything else as He did in Bible-times.

Nevertheless, God's Word is true and clearly says (Malachi 3:6) *"I am the LORD, I change not;"* and (Hebr.13:8) *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* If we are not receiving answers to prayer as they did in the Bible, God is not at fault, because He *cannot* change from the God He was in the Bible—it is the *churches* that have changed.

God loves us today as much as He loved His people in the Bible, so He would have to do the same for us as He did for them. We just need to take the same *attitude* those Bible believers had. Anyone can choose to do that. (2 Cor.3:15-16) *"Even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless, when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away."*

Millions of people are being robbed of their Atonement rights because the devil has convinced them that God has changed, and will not do things for them today. God wants us to have (James 1:17) *"Every good gift and every*

*perfect gift"*—they are all *"from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."* God never varies in character, so His love, mercy, and wisdom remain the same.

Jesus said that His Father loves us, as much as He loves Him; so He would hear our prayers as quickly as He would His. God sent His Son to die on the cross so that we could have every gift He has for us, and to be delivered from any trouble we are in. Being willing to pay that huge price is a revelation of how much He loves us and how eager He is to deliver us. (Rom.8:32) *"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"*

All that a loving parent would do for their child, God wants to do for us. (Luke 11:13) *"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?"* When we consider what people in the world (still under the control of the evil nature) will do for their children, then we know how much more God will do for us.

Parents spend incredible amounts of money on their children (for education, vehicles, clothing, a home with a good bed, and anything else to make them happy and comfortable. Our Creator is infinitely superior to anything He created (including those made in His image). God made perfect parents in Adam and Eve with perfect love toward their children—and He will do that much for us today. (we are responsible to believe that He will do those things for us.)

Jesus said that God even feeds the ravens and clothes flowers in beauty (Matt.6:25-34), so He would look after real human beings, who are His children, that much more. To express God's great love for us, and how interested He is in us, Jesus said (Matt.10:29) *"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will."*

The average Christian church today teaches a doctrine that would have its members

believe God will not deliver His people today; He will not heal them by faith alone; He will not avenge wrongs without (us) calling a lawyer; and that He will not supply daily needs without (our having) some human plan (in place to be trusted on). It is the devil who is in back of all such teaching, thinking, and reasoning.

We should thank God every day for enlightening us to (know and understand) His infinite love, mercy, and omnipotent power. How encouraging it is to know that He is anxious and willing to deliver us, and to give every good thing we would need to make us happy! If God is so powerful and so desires to deliver us, we should want to know the reason if we are *not* receiving answers to prayer.

Two reasons could be (that we are) free-will individuals and sovereign beings with our own destiny in our own hands. The responsibility for what we receive (or do not receive), is surely on our shoulders. (Deut. 30:19) *"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."*

A free-will individual cannot be helped unless they are willing to *be* helped; and they cannot *receive* anything unless they are willing to receive it (in the way the giver gives it). That pertains to both divine situations and everyday situations. The same principle should work between a parent and a child, or between a store and the customer—neither God nor man can change that.

The *first* principle of successful dealing with God is a *final choice* to trust Him only. There is more to *that* statement than first realized. The seat of sin is 'trusting in some plan or person besides God'. It is the *worst* thing according to God, (but the *best* thing according to Satan). Trusting anything besides God is the root of all other sins. All of the troubles, sorrows, loss, and heartache that have ever existed in the world, came about by replacing God with something else.

We can be as sweet as anyone could be on the outside, and as moral as a Pharisee in our appearance, but when a trial, trouble, temptation, or test comes, and we turn to human help (whether spiritual or physical help, financial help, or otherwise (we have committed a serious sin of using efforts of self).

If we give God any opportunity to show us His love, mercy, wisdom and power, He promises to reveal to us how loving and willing, and how power-ful He is. Our decision must be a *final* one, and our trust be *permanently on* God alone (it cannot be an experiment). If we desire a quick response, we need to, and must make a right-decision from the start.

A *second* principle is to accept God's Word as sufficient evidence that we are delivered when we pray in real faith. If we are oppressed physically, the devil has us focus on the symptoms, (such as the lack of energy, or pain, and weakness. The world has a *pair of gloves* to hide the devil's hands for everything he does. Satan must work under cover, so when his presence is exposed and *known* (and we resist him in Jesus' Name) he must *flee* from God's presence and power. If we are oppressed in body, we are to get on our knees, repent of any sin and mistakes, and ask God in Jesus' Name to deliver us. We are then to believe and accept the Word of God as enough evidence for the healing needed. (John 16:23-24) *"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."* (We are always joyful when a victory is won (which is the result of acting in and by faith) on the promises of God's Word).

When we believe that God has not changed, and we know that Jesus Christ is the same today as always, we will begin to act like we were already delivered, healed, and, victorious over Satan's power. Good health of body is waiting to be given us. At that point we will find out what God wants to do for us (we just need to open the door of our heart to receive His

blessings. (Reve.3:20) *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice [is willing to believe what I say], and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."*

Forgiveness of sin and cleansing of heart is a Blood-purchased right of every sincere Christian. If we will confess our true condition to God (which includes our willingness to forsake every sin revealed to us), God promises to be faithful, because He has always *been* faithful (He cannot change that "word of Promise" (1 John 1:8-9). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God will be true to the Word; *"forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* We must *believe* that we are forgiven, because the *Word* of God has said that we have been cleansed and pardoned by Jesus' Blood, so it is so. We are *not* to wait, to see, *feel*, or *experience* any change before start acting on the Word of God.

If we meet with a financial difficulty, we are to look to God (and we must look to *God* alone), without secretly looking to any human source for the money. We are not to let anyone know of our needs, but let the needs be known only to God, (*not even* a hint *nor* a word to anyone else). *Then* we can ask in Jesus' Name, believe that our prayer is answered, and receive according to God's promise. (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"* (whether it is the provision of money, healing (from a physical attack or problem), or anything else.

For Satan's power to be defeated, and to no longer be controlling a loved one, or trying to control our employer, fellow employee, or anyone else, then all of our resentment, hard-feelings, and human plans (to try to change things and situations) and worldly ways to try to appease others, must be put aside forever.

Then by God's grace and God's power alone, we must depend on Him to bring about the changes as needed. If we are definite to trust only on God to do it, we can ask, believe, and receive today (without waiting for the answer), for God can change things and situations very quickly to restore our peace).

The indwelling Holy Spirit—a most valuable and necessary gift for the inspiration of faith, is a free gift from God, Who speaks to and pleads with us. (Rom.12:1-2) *"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."*

Because of our uncompromising surrender to the will of God, we become holy and acceptable unto God—He (Who) receives us as a son or daughter. When we have carried through with our full surrender, and our true commitment to follow His Will (as the above (Scripture verse states), we can confidently ask for the Holy Spirit, and receive our victory through believing we receive, when we ask in Jesus' Name. (Luke 11:13) *"How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"*

So we are (John 16:24) to *"ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."* The gift of the Holy Spirit within, (Who inspires faith in God), is just one of many *Blessings for Today!*

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