Devotion 12/29/2010 Palm 23:4—*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

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   2. Obstacle – (problem)
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      2. Walking through near death experiences.
      3. Walking through dangerous territory.
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All the Promises of God are Conditional -

The Conditions are twofold.

1. Obedience - "Walk in My Ways"

(1.) Abandonment of our own ways -

(2.) Progress in God's ways -

(3.) God's ways are His laws –

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

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2. Faithfulness - "Keep My Charge"

(1.) Faithfulness in the Temple Duties.

(2.) Faithfulness in Preserving the Temple.

(3.) Faithfulness in Keeping idolatry out.

2Cor. 6:16*—And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

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Eph 1:4—*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

7*—In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

17*—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:* 18*—The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

19*—And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,* 20*—Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*

**2:8***—For* ***by grace are ye saved through faith****; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:* 9*—Not of works, lest any man should boast.* 10*—For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that* ***we should walk in them****.*

Titus 2:11*—For* ***the grace of God that bringeth salvation*** *hath appeared to all men,* 12*—Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

Eph 4:1*—I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,* Col 1:10*—That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;* 1Th 2:12 *–That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*

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1Cor. 15:57— *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* 58*—Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.* 2Cor. 2:14—*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.* Psalm 71:21—*Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.* Romans 15:4*—For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.* 2Cor. 1:4—*Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.* Mat 5:4—*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted*.

2Cor. 13:11—*Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

2Thess. 2:16—*Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,* 17*—Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.*

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Deut. 2:7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

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