Exceeding Great and Precious Promises

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, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.* Pray, confess, repent, Believe, accept

There is more to us receiving God’s Promises than just prayer and believing

* Steps of faith must be taken in order to receive greater Promises.
* All God’s Promises are given by Grace through faith

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

* Grace provides a promise and faith appropriates the promise.
* Grace provides a provision and faith substantiates the provision
* Grace is unmerited favor (enables, provides) Faith is walking in it.

Rom. 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

16—*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

17*—(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

1. The Promises of God all have conditions to follow

The Promises of God are Great

The Promises of God are Precious

The Promises of God are Exceeding Great and Precious

1. Receiving the Title deed to the Promise (ownership, rights)

“*calleth those things which be not as though they were”*

“*I have made thee a father of many nations”*

Romans 4:18*—Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*24—*But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;*

25*—Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

A*.* Faith receives the promise grace provides

B. Faith is sure of the promise

C. Faith is the assurance that all that will believe must receive

1. Walking in exceeding great and precious Promises

Joshua 1:3—*Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.*

Gen. 12:1—*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*

15:1—*After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

17:1—*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

2 Peter 1:5—And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Deut. 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

If we serve afar off, God will scatter us more. But if I seek honestly and diligently He will be close.

This prophecy is concerning Israel, but it is to be applied to every generation

a.Whatever place we are at in this body, alive and breathing, we may from thence seek him.

* 1. “from Thence”
     1. There is no part of faith which has a gulf fixed between it and heaven.
     2. The very place you’re in right now is where you need to seek the Lord from.
     3. You can find the Lord from right where you are at when He is drawing you.

God makes a wonderful promise even to sinful rebels:

Romans 5:8—*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Diligently seek Him with all of their heart and soul, you will find Him.

The word "find" (matsa or masa) means to acquire, meet, get a hold upon, take hold of, discover, reach, attain.

The step of faith is diligently seek the Lord—who seeks Him with all his heart and soul—will find what God has for him.

* 1. “thou shalt seek the LORD thy God”
     1. We must seek the Lord with all our heart and with all our soul and be honest about it.
     2. Many say they want God but they don’t seek Him until they find Him.
     3. When you seek the Lord with all your heart and soul, you find the Lord in all your heart and soul.
  2. “thou shalt find him”

You will be accepted by God and brought into the very presence of God, for communion and fellowship with Him.

* + 1. The God that is near v.7
    2. A Consuming fire v.24
    3. A Jealous God v.24
    4. A Merciful God v.31
    5. Covenant Keeping God v.31
    6. Our Creator v.32

Deut. 4:35*—Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him.*

*39—Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.*

1. One of the Greatest Promises

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

13*—Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.* 14*—He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.* 15*—All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

13:3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

Mr 16:20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mt 7:7*—Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

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.*

1Timothy 2:5*—For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

John 14:13*—And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

Luke 6:38*—Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

Philippians 2:5—*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

*6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Matthew 11:28—*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

29*—Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

1Cor. 15:10*—But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

God had done so much for Paul, he labored ever so diligently for the Lord his God.

The word "labored" (*kopiaō*) means to labor to the point of being weary and exhausted.

* he labored more than all the others that served Christ.

Why? Because he Loves Christ

Because he honors Christ

Because he owed it to Christ: he had sinned so terribly against the Lord. (This is not repayment but act of full respect)

* he even gives the credit for his labor to the grace of God

“*the grace of God which was with me”*

Matthew 21:28*—But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.*

29*—He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.*

30*—And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.*

Our motive is to please God.

Hebrews 11:6—*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

*Psalms 84:3—Yea, the sparrow (*worthless*) hath found an house, and the swallow (restless) a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. 6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.*

Deuteronomy 11:11*—But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:*

12*—A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.*

13*—And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,*

14*—That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

The Grace of God

Psalm 57:10—*For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.*

108:4—*For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds*.

117:2—*For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD*.

119:156—*Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.*

*Figures of God’s Grace*

Psa104:10*—He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.*

Deuteronomy 8:7*—For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; 8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; 9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. 10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.*

Alexander gave like a king A man was in trouble financially and he went Alexander for help and immediately the request for help was granted by these words you may go to the treasurer and ask for whatever you want, he went and asked for

* 10 thousand pounds The treasurer questioned such a large amount The emperor was flattered Jehovah is our God If Alexander gave like a king shall not Jehovah give as our God

John 3:16—*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* 1 John 4:14—*And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.* Gen 22:14—*And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.* Phpp 4:19—*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

*De 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess. 8:6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, 11:22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 26:17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: 28:9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.*

*Jos 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

*Lu 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. Ac 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied. Ro 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should* ***walk in newness of life.*** *2Co 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*  *5:7(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) Ga 5:16 This I say then,* ***Walk in the Spirit****, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also* ***walk in the Spirit****. Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*  *4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*  *5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

*Col 4:5—Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.*

*1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

*2Jo 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.*

*3Jo 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*