

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

I inserted all the scriptures and made it a small bible study which I think you will benefit and enjoy in the Lord together. Please take time to do this together, about 30 to 45 min together in the Word.

These scriptures are only a few of God's Powerful Promises to YOU as one Born Again, NOW being a Child of God. You are in Christ. SSSSOOOOO. When you read these Powerful Promises ask yourself - Do you really BELIEVE these after you read them. I will forewarn you. They are simple - there are no ambiguous words, no difficult words. AND THERE IS NO EXCEPTION GIVEN. In other words, there is no 'but' after them. There may be an IF, so if the if is met then the promise is yes to those in Christ Jesus.

2 Cor. 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

NOTE: As the Word says - The Word is Jesus, it is the King of the Universe, Christ in you that makes ALL this possible. Why? - The Word says we can do nothing apart from Him. IT IS JESUS WHO DOES ALL THESE PROMISES IN US AND FOR US! Now - that is settled, let us continue in Christ Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things and reminds us of all things from his Word that we have put in our hearts.

John 14:26

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Jesus said,

John 15:5,7 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... [7] If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you WISH, and it will be given you.

Based on this verse, John 15:7, it is the Word of God that must be in you so we can KNOW HIS WILL and His promises.

The following are three scriptures I want to consider and am led to give a small

teaching around in hope to impart understanding of Jesus, the Word.

Whatever - John 14:13 you ask in Jesus' name

John 14:13

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

Anything -Matt 18:19, you ask by faith in agreement with two or more

Matthew 18:19

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

Again - Whatever-Mark 11:22-24 believe and do not doubt in your heart what you SAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mark 11:22-24

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. [23] "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [24] Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

So I will give 3 parts here.

- I) Exceptions
- II) Powerful Promises
- III) What Renders Powerful Promises Powerless.

I) Exceptions

These scriptures are just a few that show the primary exception, or in other words, are the things that will hinder our prayers and hinders or stops our receiving His promises.

1. Must be Born Again, born of God so that you are no longer separated from God.

Romans 8:1-17

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, [2] because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. [3] For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, [4] in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

[5] Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. [6] The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; [7] the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. [8] Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

[9] You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, IF the Spirit of God lives in you. And IF anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. [10] But IF Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. [11] And IF the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

[12] Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. [13] For IF you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but IF by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, [14] because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

[15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now IF we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, IF indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Those NOT born of God are separated from Him and the Teacher , the Holy Spirit.
(John 3:3-12;John 14:17,26)

John 3:3-12

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

[4] "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

[5] Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. [6] Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. [7] You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' [8] The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

[9] "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. [10] "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? [11] I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. [12] I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

NOTE: You must be born of God, SSSSSOOOOO you CAN believe the heavenly things found in the scripture.

John 14:17

the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

NOTE: NOW that one is born again, born of God, the Holy Spirit now lives in one born again and can now understand heavenly things as we read and study and seek Him.

John 14:26

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

2. Sin (Ps 66:18; I sa 59:1-2; 1 Peter 3:7, 10, 12 and others) We MUST walk HOLY and we can by the Spirit given in our Re-birth, born of God.

Psalms 66:18

If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;

Isaiah 59:1-2

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.

[2] But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1 Peter 3:10 For,

"Whoever would love life
and see good days
must keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from deceitful speech.

1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Peter 1:16

for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

(At another time Read and study 1 John, who we are in Christ)

3. Specific sin of unforgiveness. (Matt 18: 34-35; Matt 6:14-15; Mark 11:25-26; Matt 5:25-26).

Matthew 18:34-35 (KJV)

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. [35] So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

(NOTE here, for understanding and a later study, the tormentor is Satan, the devil and his officers and demons. This awful sin of UNFORGIVENESS subjects your family and all your possessions to the tormentor or jailer to be tortured as shown in the beginning of this passage in Matt 18.

Matthew 18:25

Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

Unforgiveness is a serious matter!)

Matthew 6:14-15

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mark 11:25-26

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. [26] But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 5:23-26

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

[25] "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. [26] I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

4. What you speak has life or death and it shows your heart. (Matt 15:18; Luke 6:45; Matt 12:36-37; Mark 11:23; Prov 18:21).

Matthew 15:18

But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'

Luke 6:45

... For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Matthew 12:36-37

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. [37] For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Mark 11:23

"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

(NOTE here that there is not a distinction made if what is said is good or evil)

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

5. Foremost - Unbelief, Doubt. (many - John 10:25; Matt 17:17,20a; Matt 14:31; Heb 3:11,12,19; Mark 11:23b; James 1:6-8; Matt 13:58; Ps 78:41)

John 10:25

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,

Matthew 17:17

"O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me."

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 14:31

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Hebrews 3:11-12

So I declared on oath in my anger,

'They shall never enter my rest.' "

[12] See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.[19] So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

(NOTE - they were not able to enter the Rest that God was giving them because of unbelief. They were afraid (reasoned in their mind) and called the people of Canaan giants and looked at themselves as grasshoppers. They believed what they saw instead of God's word - "Go and possess the land". Is it not what we do? Look at what we see and not what God has declared and promised?)

Mark 11:23

"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

James 1:6-8

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Matthew 13:58 (NIV)

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew 13:58 (KJV)

And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

(NOTE - God Himself, Jesus could not do many miracles because of the people which is what limits God as shown in the next verse.)

Psalm 78:41

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

6. We must not lose heart or do not give up (Matt 10:22; Matt 24:13; Mark 13:13; 2 Corin 4:16-18; James 1:3-4; Rev 13:10).

Matthew 10:22

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:13

but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

2 Cor. 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. [17] For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. [18] So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. James 1:3-4

because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Rev. 13:10

If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity he will go.

If anyone is to be killed

with the sword, with the sword he will be killed.

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

II. Powerful Precious Promises

(2 Peter 1:3-4 through the knowledge of Jesus, the Word) Prov 9:10; Prov 1:7, all desired knowledge spoken of in scripture is the 'knowledge of Jesus, not the world)

Here are the three promises initially referred to.

1. John 14:13 says Whatever you ask in Jesus' name it will be done for you to bring glory to the Father. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?** Jesus meant what He said. (John 14:14, 15:7, 15:16, 16:23, 24, 26)

John 14:13-14

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. [14] You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 16:23

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 16:24

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

2. Matt 18:19 says anything you ask and two of you can believe / agree / by faith it will be done. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

Matthew 18:19

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

3. Mark 11: 22-24, this starts with a command - Have faith in God! This means believe Him and what he says. The key in this passage is two fold - Whatever you SAY and Believe (and do not doubt in your heart) will happen. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

Mark 11:22-23

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. [23] "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Why do I put this difficult question before your heart and mind. It is paramount if we are to walk in the Kingdom of God on this earth that we must believe our King. Jesus said Mark 9:23 that everything is possible if you believe.

" 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Again, there are so many times the Lord, Jesus said these things that I am confident He meant them. WHY - God is not one to lie. Praise God.

But once we believe - then Jesus said in Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

We must be VIOLENT and take the Kingdom of God by FORCE. The ONLY way this is done is to STAND and STAND firm with faith.

Ephes. 6:13-14

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

One is able to stand only by believing - in faith as shown in this verse.

In Isaiah 7:9 (KJV)

.... If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

Isaiah 7:9 (NIV)

...If you do not stand firm in your faith,
you will not stand at all.' "

I tell you truth from God's Word. All Things are possible to those who believe and you MUST conform to the Word of God and NOT to the mind of man and what you see with the eyes in your head but with the eyes of your spirit as you Read, Speak, Study and Speak and Study and Speak so to transform your mind to agree with that of God's ways. This is why God said what he did in Deut 6:4-9 to have no other God before us by Saying to love Him with all our heart, soul and strength and next to this is to teach our children in all situations the Word of God.

Deut. 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. [5] Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [6] These

commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. [7] I impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. [8] Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. [9] Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Now that we are children of God this applies to you even in our latter years.

It is a choice and it is never too late to begin walking in the Kingdom of God for He said it is not just talk but power. (1 Cor 4:20) If it is power where do you see it today manifesting? I tell you the truth, ONLY in those who will believe our Masters Words and Stand in Faith not wavering in doubt.

III. What Renders Powerful Promises Powerless

1. Doubt - This is unbelief. Jesus said through Paul to Corinth, that for those who are in Christ, all His promises are YES and So Be it (Amen). The promises are NOT maybe, NO nor unanswered. They are Yes. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

2 Cor. 1:20 (KJV)

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

2 Cor. 1:20 (NIV)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Peter walked on the water until doubt came in by what he saw. DOUBT. The biggest nurturer to doubt is what we say and speak. Every word we speak either confirms God's higher truth or it negates it with a negative unbelieving statement. Note this, the truth may be that you have cancer, or a headache by what the doctors say or by the feeling in your body, headpain. But the HIGHER TRUTH IS God's Word. It says that God through the shed innocent blood and the pain and torture that Jesus endured on the cross, we have been set free from death and given peace for our souls and our bodies healed. That is at the cross 2,000 years ago. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?** Isa 53:4-5.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (KJV)

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)

Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,

yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

In verse 5 says we ARE healed. But after Jesus was buried, rose from the grave and ascended to heaven, Peter said in

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

There are so many truths that God has given us in His Word. Finding them is our choice. God said I set before you life and death, blessing and curses, now CHOOSE life.

Deut. 30:19

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live

WHY? - As it says, So that you and your children may live.

But we are not alone, those who are born of God, for we have the Holy Spirit to guide and teach us if we believe. **DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

Praise be to God and His Son and the Holy Spirit as we proclaim and claim His promises so that we might have life and life more abundant here on earth while in this mortal body.

FYI - The Greek word that is the core of the words save, saved, and salvation is SOZO. It means more than just spirit saved. It is for the complete spirit, soul and body. Just as Isa 53:4-5 declares - sins forgiven (spirit), peace (soul), healed (body), was all done at the cross to save us. SOZO - Saved, Healed, Delivered, Made Whole, & Preserved.

From the »Strong's Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

sozo, Greek 4982, Strong's

sozo, sode' -zo; from a primary sos (contracted for obsolete saos, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literal or figurative) :- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

It has been great to share in the word. Please note that there are few words of

Billy's. Why? It is not I that is speaking, but God and it is based solely on the Word of God. Choose life - How, by believing God is not a liar and He looks over His word to see it fulfilled as He spoke.

Jeremiah 1:12

The Lord said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled."

You must ask yourself - **DO YOU BELIEVE THE WORDS OF GOD?** Or will you reject it with the reasoning of your mind, your experiences, or your feelings. God calls this contemptuous or being scornful of His Word. In short it is SIN not to believe. I pray you can commit to know Jesus more through His Word and experience the FULL salvation afforded us at the CROSS of his suffering. To do this we must fix our eyes on the KING and not the promises.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

And when we do this it will be God working in us

Philip. 2:12-13

...--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

This is YOUR Salvation (from SOZO) out of the Fear of the Lord, respect, and honor, not scorning His Word, but believing and then God will do the work through each of us by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Name of Jesus.

We must be in Love with our LORD and serve Him as King of kings at all cost, enduring to the end and this is done by FAITH, believing ALL His Words.

I am tempted to apologize for the length of this but that would be apologizing for His Word. So instead I will only thank Him for His Word. May this be received in prayer and focus so to know Jesus better and to come to the saving (sozo) knowledge of Him.

In Christ so completely

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