

God's promises are for us today

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Master, 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: 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.” (II Peter 1:2-4)

Many sincere Christians go through a lifetime of frustration in prayer because of looking at God's Word from man's position instead of from God's position. The apostle Peter (in the above Scripture) tells us that Jesus Christ has already given us all things that pertain to life and our sanctification unto holiness. But how? Peter says “by exceeding great promises that cause us to partake in the divine nature”. Peter didn't say that we have “all things” by spending hours in altered mental states using visualization techniques, or by imagining vibrations shooting out of the the brain (even doing so “in Jesus' name”) as if these or similar wasted “techniques” are anywhere near a Scriptural faithful prayer. Peter acknowledges what God has repeatedly declared in the Bible, precisely, God has promised. We are to know and trust this most simple reciprocating prayer truth.

People want miracles, but they will not experience any by using 'emotion raising' methods that are claimed to be of faith, but in truth are mystic Kabbalah offshoots of the dark religions of nothingness and of no result. The faithful saints of the Bible performed their extraordinary feats for the Kingdom by doing what Peter said – by knowing and trusting that Yahweh God “has promised” and that God will do the “performing”. Abraham was fully persuaded to trust in God's promises.

“And (Abraham) being fully persuaded that what He (Yahweh) had promised He was able to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him (Abraham) for righteousness.” (Romans 4:21,22) Christians following sound doctrine know that this is where interaction with God is to be found because Paul told us: “So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.” (Galatians 3:9)

The question becomes “How are we blessed with the same miracle making trust that Abraham had in God's promises?” The answer is straightforward. Jesus Christ has brought not only the faith of Abraham's incident with Him, but He has brought ALL of the Bible promises of God to us today “in Him”. *“For all the promises of God in Him (Jesus) are YES, and in Him Amen (firm, established) unto the glory of God by us.” (II Cor. 1:20)* When you trust in a promise of God for its action in your life, Jesus says “YES”. Have you ever wondered what Jesus meant by announcing “If ye ask anything in my name I will do it” (Jn.13:14)? Jesus says “YES” to the promises (God's will), and it is the promises of God that a Christian must find and then trust, to experience the affirmative prayer answered by Christ. Trusting in God's promises is as easy as understanding what He has given to us. It merely comes from discovering revelation about them in the Scriptures. It does not mean to crank oneself into some eccentric mind force of euphoric meditation “repeating a promise”. This is why positive thinking and repeated affirmation techniques are a deterrent to answered prayers. Attempting to divinely control a “yes” in our mind to God's promise is a sure way to deny what Christ has already done for us concerning the matter. It is Christ, not us, who has established the “yes and amen” to God's promises for us. Our part is to merely remind God of His Word as we petition Him for a promise. This was the secret of communication between King David and Yahweh God as David prayed, “Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.” (Ps. 119:49) Pray a promise and patiently let it work by God's plan. God will bring it to pass when the best of circumstances are finalized.