

## **OPERATING THE PROMISES OF GOD (PART 2)**

### **2 Peter 1:2-4**

**<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,**

**<sup>3</sup>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:**

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

This series has been motivated by the Holy Spirit directing my attention to watch many Christians who are frustrated in life – living a life of tears and sorrows wondering whether God really cares about them.

These Christians live a life of murmuring and complaining and having pity parties because they feel overwhelmed by what they are contending with.

They are in need of provision, in need of protection, in need of healing, in need of divine intervention but when they look at their lives they see no hope and no way out.

This word from God is intended to speak to someone who is looking at their marriage and seeing doom, looking at their children and seeing failure, looking at their career and seeing disaster – I want to tell you that God has provided a WAY OUT.

You ask me how? I will answer by saying that Jehovah God has committed Himself by His word, which is loaded with His promises to deal with each and every situation in your life.

Our God is a promise making and promise keeping God.

By these promises, we gain access into the unlimited power and resources that is available in God.

**2 Peter 1:4** says in the amplified version – **“By means of this God has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises so that through them you may escape (by flight) from moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed) and become sharers (partakers) of divine nature”**.

Let me break it down for you, the Bible is saying that God has given us or bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises so that through them – through these promises, we might escape or find a way out from the corruption that is in the world and become partakers or sharers of divine nature.

So the promises of God is a one way ticket that God has made available for you to bring you out of your present predicament and allow you to be a partaker of divine nature.

You don't have to feel overwhelmed, there is a way out, you don't have to feel like life is unfair to you there is a way out.

When God commits Himself by His word, He intends to be true to His word.

The only problem I see with many Christians, they don't have a clue of what was promised them.

This book called the Bible is loaded with promise after promise that proceeded from the very mouth of God.

The Bible is the very authentic, divinely inspired word of God that was written by men under inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Paul declares in **2 Timothy 3:16** **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness”**.

The word that comes out of the mouth of God is a sure word that God has every intention to bring to pass.

God has not given a pledge that He does not intend to redeem or encouraged hopes He does not intend to fulfill.

That us why **Numbers 23:19** the Bible declares, **“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”**

Now you must remember that God’s grace prompted Him to give these promises and His faithfulness urges Him to fulfill the promises (say that again).

God’s nature is characterized by His grace and His faithfulness- once He commits Himself He cannot back out.

The Bible declares in **Psalm 89:34** **“my covenant will I not break nor alter the thing that has gone out of my mouth”**.

When you study the life of Jesus while on earth the contours of the life of Jesus were shaped by His trust in the power of the promises of God.

So when Jesus declared, “I am the resurrection and the life” He did so fully realizing that He has been empowered by God with this right who had promised to raise Him from the dead.

When He declared, "Am the light of the world" He spoke with audacity knowing that the Father has promised that through CHRIST the world would be illuminated.

Ladies and gentlemen you can put your trust in God. There are no broken promises with God – what He has promised He will make it happen.

Don't try to evaluate God like a human being – God is not a man, He is God – there is no situation too big that He cannot deal with, no problem too big that He cannot solve, no sickness too great that He cannot heal, no debt too big that He cannot pay.

He is God – the eternal, ever living, all-sufficient One who watches over His word to perform it. Let me share with you quickly the characteristics of the word of God.

### **Character of the word of God**

- 1. Pure - *Ps 12:6 "The words of the Lord are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times". NKJV***
- 2. Unchangeable - *Ps 89:34-35 "My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David" NKJV***
- 3. Creative - *Ps 33:6 "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth". NKJV***
- 4. Healing - *Ps 107:20 "He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions". NKJV***
- 5. Cleansing - *Ps 119:9 "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word". NKJV***

6. Life giving- *Ps 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life". NKJV*  
*John 6:63-64 "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life". NKJV*
7. Established - *Ps 119:89 "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven". NKJV*
8. Illuminates - *Ps 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path". NKJV*

Are you lacking, there is a promise in **Psalm 34:10** "the young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing".

Are you broke, there is a promise in **Philippians 4:19** "But my God shall supply for all of your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus".

Are you afraid, there is a promise in **2 Timothy 1:7** "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of sound mind".

Are you suffering from anxiety and worry, there is a promise in **Philippians 4:6 -7** "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

**<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

Are you walking in condemnation because of the things you have done, there is a promise in **Romans 8:1** "There is therefore now no

**condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”**

Are you in need of divine direction, there is a promise in **Psalm 37:23** **“The steps of a good man are ordered of God and He delights in his way”**.

Are you in need of healing, there is a promise in **Isaiah 53:5** **“But he wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed”**.

Are you in need of protection, there is a promise in **Psalm 91:4-5** **“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

**Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;”**.

Are you in need of promotion, there is a promise in **Deuteronomy 28:13** **“And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:”**