Part 2: The Promise of Provision

2Pe 1:4 (TPT) As a result of this, he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises you can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

Remember: God's promises are insights into His character. Faith is nothing other than trust that God is not a liar.

Last week I talked about becoming a Kingdom partner by the power of the promises.

To become a partner you must be in agreement.

So if we disagree with God, we don't believe the promises, God can't have us a partners.

2Co 6:14-15 (NAS95) Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? [15] Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

Not talking being saved - talking about being a partner.

Partnership has benefits!

God never made a promise that was too good to be

true.

Philippians 4:19 (NASB95) - "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Psa 37:4 (NAS95) Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

In these two verses we see that God will supply needs and grant desires.

Main Points: the "why" of Provision and then the "purpose" of provision.

Why does God provide? Why do you provide? The obligation of Love.

Deu 8:18 (NAS95) "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Prosperity is part of the covenant and the power to make wealth confirms, authenticates, proves His covenant.

Moses does not deny that wealth is a good thing.

He takes for granted that the Jews will grow very rich, but he warns them that their riches, like all other earthly things, may be a curse or a blessing to them.

When riches multiplied, they might forget God, and say, "My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth."

Prosperity is a far greater test of devotion than

poverty.

If you want to know who someone really is watch them after they have abundance.

When they have the power to do what they want.

You thought they were holy when they were broke and then are shocked when the break out when they get some money

And you say money ruined them. No it didn't not - it revealed them!

Moses said, remember the Lord Your God.

God gives power to get wealth in two ways: (1) He gives the raw material; (2) He gives the wisdom to use it.

Moses instructed the people remember that they owed all to God.

What they had, they had of God's free gift What they were, they were of God's free grace.

They were to make their boast of God, of God's goodness.

Provision is a withdrawal from God's Goodness!

Provision is a manifestation of God's goodness.

Isa 58:11 (NAS95) "And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

- good things to eat in a desert.

God's provision flows out of His goodness not your environment -its foundation is His love, Grace and Goodness.

Psa 35:27 (NAS95) Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."

Psa 35:27 (CEV) Let all who want me to win be happy and joyful. From now on let them say, "The LORD is wonderful! God is glad when all goes well for his servant."

Shalom = health, wealth, completeness.

Psa 34:10 (NASB) The young lions do without and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD will not lack any good thing.

Psa 23:1 (NASB) A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I will not be in need.

Deu 28:12 (NASB) "The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless every work of your hand; and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

2Co 9:8-9 (NASB) And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; [9] as it is written: "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER."

Psa 112:1-10 (CEV) Shout praises to the LORD! The LORD blesses everyone who worships him and gladly obeys his teachings. [2] Their descendants will have great power in the land, because the LORD blesses all who do right. (NLT) [2] Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed.

[3] They will get rich and prosper and will always be remembered for their fairness. [3] They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever.

[4] They will be so kind and merciful and good, that they will be a light in the dark for others who do the right thing.[4] Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.

[5] Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly. [5] Life will go well for those who freely lend and are honest in business.

[6] They won't ever be troubled, and the kind things they do will never be forgotten.[6] Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered.

[7] They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the LORD to care for them. [8] They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly. [7] Bad news won't bother them; they have decided to trust the LORD. [8] They are dependable and not afraid, and they will live to see their enemies defeated.

[9] They will always be remembered and greatly praised, because they were kind and freely gave to the poor.[9] They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.

[10] The wicked will see this and be infuriated. They will grind their teeth in anger; they will slink away, their hopes thwarted.[10] When evil people see this, they angrily bite their tongues and disappear. They will never get what they really want.