

**I have a sermon that I have preached elsewhere in the past:**

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**“Conquer With God’s Word!”**

**Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:11**

**Introduction:**

I told you that each New Year, I make a new commitment to reading God’s Word.

Why? Because the Word helps me to conquer!

Conquer what?

Self, Sin, Sensuality, Slothfulness and Satan!

**We noticed 4 things with that sermon. I pointed out that we should:**

### **I. Discover God's Word**

*"Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes" (Ps. 119:12).*

- A. The psalmist asked God to teach him his Word. We should do likewise.
- B. Discovering God's promises means finding those that apply to our area of need.

We should...

### **II. Digest God's Word**

*"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119:18).*

- A. Webster says that *digest* means "to think over and absorb."
- B. We need to delve into God's promises, studying and pondering them.
- C. Let us absorb God's Word until we are absorbed by it.
- D. Partake of God's Word. Digest it. The psalmist wrote "O taste and see that the LORD is good" (Ps. 34:8).

We should...

### **III. Delight in God's Word**

*"And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved" (Ps. 119:47).*

- A. Some do not delight in God's Word. Reading it is a duty to be performed. Their negative attitude brings spiritual defeat.
- B. Delighting in God's Word enables us to be conquerors. *"They are the rejoicing of my heart,"* said the psalmist (Ps. 119:111).

- C. Christians who delight in God's Word love his Word, obey his Word, and are victorious through his Word. Let us claim the promises with praise (*see* Ps. 119:165).

We should...

#### IV. Depend on God's Word

*"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89).*

- A. Many Christians do not depend on God's Word as they should. They rely on self-effort or other people too much—and thereby fail.
- B. If we are to conquer, we must depend on God's Word. It never fails.

#### Conclusion:

Do you have your life in the Word?

Today, I want to follow up on that sermon somewhat and preach on the subject:

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#### **"Biblical Promises for Today"**

**Scripture Reading: II Peter 1:1-14**

**Key Verse: Verse 4**

*"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).*

It is not necessary to see the Lord with our human eyes in order to love Him, trust Him, and share His glory (1 Peter 1:8).

1. **This faith is in a person (vv. 1-2).**

That Person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour.

From the very outset of his letter, Peter affirmed the deity of Jesus Christ.

"God" and "our Saviour" are not two different Persons; they describe one Person, Jesus Christ.

Paul used a similar expression in Titus 2:10 and 3:4.

Peter reminded his readers that Jesus Christ is the Saviour by repeating this exalted title in 2 Peter 1:11; 2:20; 3:2, 18.

*A savior is "one who brings salvation," and the word *salvation* was familiar to the people of that day.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ has three "spiritual commodities" that can be secured from nobody else: righteousness, grace, and peace.

When you trust Him as your Savior, *His righteousness* becomes *your righteousness* and you are given a right standing before God (2 Cor. 5:21).

You could never *earn* this righteousness; it is the gift of God to those who believe.

"*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us*" (Titus 3:5).

The result of this experience is *peace*, peace with God (Rom. 5:1) and the peace of God (Phil. 4:6-7).

In fact, God's grace and peace are "multiplied" toward us as we walk with Him and trust His promises.

## 2. **This faith involves God's power** (v. 3).

The Christian life begins with saving faith, faith in the person of Jesus Christ.

But when you know Jesus Christ personally, you also experience God's power, and this power produces "life and godliness."

The unsaved sinner is dead (Eph. 2:1-3) and only Christ can raise him from the dead (John 5:24).

When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He said, "Loose him, and let him go" (John 11:44). Get rid of the graveclothes!

When you are born into the family of God by faith in Christ, you are born complete.

God gives you everything you will ever need "for life and godliness." Nothing has to be added!

"And ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).

The false teachers claimed that they had a "special doctrine" that would add something to the lives of Peter's readers, but Peter knew that *nothing could be added*.

**[Illustration]** Just as a normal baby is born with all the "equipment" he needs for life and only needs to grow, so the Christian has all that is needed and only needs to grow.

God never has to call back any of His "models" because something is lacking or faulty.

Just as a baby has a definite genetic structure that determines how he will grow, so the believer is "genetically structured" to experience "glory and virtue."

## 3. **This faith involves God's promises** (v. 4).

God has not only given us all that we need for life and godliness, but He has also given us His Word to enable us to develop this life and godliness.

These promises are *great* because they come from a great God and they lead to a great life.

They are *precious* because their value is beyond calculation.

If we lost the Word of God, there would be no way to replace it.

Peter must have liked the word *precious*, for he wrote about the "precious faith" (2 Peter 1:1; cf. 1 Peter 1:7), the "precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4), the "precious blood" (1 Peter 1:19), the precious stone (1 Peter 2:4, 6), and the precious Saviour (1 Peter 2:7).

Let's look at some of those promises this evening. For this sermon, I will only mention/summarize 4 of them.

Grab your outline now and follow along with me:

### I. **The Bible Promises Pardon That Converts**

*"Repent... and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).*

- A. God's pardoning grace converts our will, ways, work, and walk. "Old things are passed away" (2 Cor. 5:17).

- B. We must come to God just as we are in simple, trusting faith (Eph. 2:8).

- C. God's amazing grace is sufficient to forgive all—adulterers, homosexuals, drug abusers—who repent and forsake their sins.

### II. **The Bible Promises Purity That Cleanses**

*"... giving them the Holy Ghost... purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8, 9).*

- A. Many Christians do not commit their will totally to God. They reserve a portion for selfish endeavor.

- B. When Christians totally surrender to God, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses their hearts (**1 John 1:7**).

- C. Cleansed Christians are filled with God's love. They glorify him and are a blessing to others.

### III. **The Bible Promises Peace That Calms**

*"And the peace of God... shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).*

- A. Today's world is searching desperately for peace, but to no avail. More conflict, stress, and strain abound than ever before.
  
- B. Peace can only be found in Jesus Christ. He promised, "My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:27).
  
- C. Christ's peace calms those who trust in him. To have his peace, we must simply accept the peace that he gives.

### IV. **The Bible Promises Power That Conquers**

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).*

- A. Spirit-filled Christians are endowed with power for service. They are ready to comfort the lonely, assist the homeless, and witness for Christ.
  
- B. The Spirit-filled are diligent in prayer and Bible study. They are enabled to overcome trials, troubles, and tribulations, and to become victorious over sin, self, and Satan.
  
- C. The Scripture promises: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37).

### **Conclusion:**

What about it dear friend? Are you a Christian?

Can you "*claim the promises of God*" found in His Word?

If you are a Christian, are you reading and digging into His Word and learning to "*stand on the promises*?" Are you a "*conqueror*?"

Let us stand and sing...

**Invitation Hymn:** "*Standing On The Promises*"

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