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Standing on the Promises of God

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As we travel this road of life we are allowed to have certain trials, temptations and things that test us and that could help us to grow spiritually. During these times many people start to get really discouraged and instead of using the trial and test as an opportunity to grow closer to God they sometimes grow farther apart. But this ought not to be so! We were given promises by God Himself that will help us through these hard times if we truly believe and faithfully stand upon them.

The first and foremost promise that we as Christians must stand on is that God can and WILL save us from our sins. That is the foundation of our faith! Let us look at this in Romans 10:9. *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* Isn't this wonderful? This is a promise from God! He promised that anyone, it doesn't matter who you are or even what you did while you were in sin, God promised that if ANYONE confesses and believes they can be saved! This is a common promise brought up throughout the Bible let us look at another example of it in John 3:15-17. *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.* This is Christ Himself talking to Nicodemus! God's own Son promising that if anyone should believe on Him would not perish but have everlasting life....they shall be saved!

Once we start living a holy life one that God is pleased with Satan will start to attack our soul. He does not want us to be successful for if we start living a life that is acceptable to God others will see that we have something special that they will start to wish they had, they might not understand it but they will start searching and Satan will lose more souls. God will allow Satan to try us and to tempt us, for this is a large part of how we grow closer to Him, but only to a certain extent and then God will step in and say that is enough just like He did with Job. We can find a very reassuring promise of God's in I Corinthians 10:13. *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.* What a blessed thought! It is such a wonderful place to be when you have God to watch over and protect you! He knows you more than you know yourself and because of that He knows your limitations. On those days that it seems everything is crashing down every little thing is going wrong God sees He knows what you are going through and He CARES! He will give you strength, comfort and direction when you are in need of it most. And He will not let Satan put more on you or tempt you more than you can handle! That is HIS promise to YOU!

There are many promised all throughout the Bible, and we need to know them so that we can stand on them when trails and test come. Here are a few more:

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Matthew 21:22 *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

This is again a wonderful promise to know that God not only hears but also answers ALL our prayers.

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

What a pleasant thought to know that God is in control of our lives to know that He has the power to work all things for our good.

I would that those of you who aren't saved search the Bible and find Christ, find the promises of God and get to know The Lord. I would that those of you who are saved continue to grow and diligently seek God daily for "*With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*" (Matthew 19:26).

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Service Times:

Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Young People's Service	4:45 p.m.
Sunday Children's Service	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

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