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On the first day I went to train on the Lockheed JetStar, the instructor made a statement that, even if you're not a pilot, could save your life. He held up the aircraft manufacturer's manual, written by the people who built the plane, and said, "All of our material here at FlightSafety International came out of this. But if any of our material is wrong, go back to the manufacturer's manual."

Struck by the wisdom of his words I turned to my partner and said, "I

wish preachers had that much sense!”

Really, I wish every Christian on earth had that much sense. I wish every one of us who owns a Bible would get a greater revelation of what it really is.

The Bible is the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer's Manual! It's the final authority on everything. Authored by the Great Omniscient Creator, whatever we need, He literally wrote the Book on it. When we're in a mess and don't know what to do, we can go to His Book and find the answer. When we need healing, provision or anything else, we can find it in the Book—and once we find it in there, we can have it!

Why?

Because, unlike a natural manufacturer's manual that simply contains information, the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer's Manual is a Book of

divine Covenants filled with covenant promises. Promises infused with God's own faith and power and backed by the priceless blood of Jesus. And it never ever needs to be updated!

Many believers know about those promises. They may even start every day by pulling one out of a little promise box, reading it and saying, "Praise The LORD!" But while that's fine, God's promises are meant to do far more than just encourage us. They're designed to correct, direct, protect and perfect us. To give us access to all He is and all He has.

"Oh, Brother Copeland, where did you get that idea?"

From the Apostle Peter. It's in his second epistle. In the beginning of that epistle, Peter addressed believers as "them that have obtained like

precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Isn't it exciting to know you have the same faith Peter and the early Apostles had?

Then, he said:

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 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 [moral excellency]: 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 (2 Peter 1:2–4, emphasis mine).

EVERYTHING IS HANDLED

Look again at the italicized portions of that passage. Both are linked to God's exceeding great and precious [covenant] promises. One says it's through those promises that we become partakers of His divine nature, or partakers of all He is. The other says that it's by His exceeding great and precious promises that He has given to us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness."

All things that pertain to life and godliness covers a lot of territory! It covers everything you could ever

need spiritually, physically, financially and relationally. It covers everything it takes for you to live an abundant, victorious life.

In other words, you can forget that silly stuff people say about God withholding things from you. You can forget religious clichés like, “Well, you know, God always answers prayer. But sometimes His answer is yes, and sometimes it’s no.” God’s Book says the exact opposite.

It says, “God is faithful.... For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you...was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God” (2 Corinthians 1:18-20, NKJV).

Why are all God’s promises “yes” to you in Jesus?

Because when you received Him as The LORD of your life, you got in on His covenant with God!

That covenant is rooted in the one God made with Abram. As Genesis 17 records, God appeared to Abraham when he was 99 years old and said, “I am Almighty God [El Shaddai, the God who is more than enough].... I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.... No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham” (verses 1-2, 5, NKJV).

By adding to Abram’s name the letter *H* (which in Hebrew is pronounced *Hashem* and is the Jewish name for God), God made it known that He and Abram were now joined together in a covenant of blood. That the Greater had entered covenant with

the lesser, and they had become one.

That's what God did for you when you were born again! He joined you to Himself in the blood of Jesus. He made you one with Him through the new covenant, which is a covenant of grace.

What is a covenant of grace? It's a relationship of favor that gives you access to someone else's power. A natural illustration of it can be seen in the relationship the old Sicilian family members used to have with the godfather of the family. If you've read books or seen movies about that relationship, you know how it worked. A weak member of the family would come in and ask the strongest member, the godfather (or *the don*) for a favor or grace. The don would say, "I will grant this favor and I will ask a favor of you. And when

the time comes, I will collect it.”

Once this was said the weak person would become excited. He would realize his problems had been solved. He was no longer powerless. He had nothing to worry about anymore because now anyone who would try to rough him up would have to face the godfather, the one with all the power.

Leaving his meeting with the head of the family the little guy would have a whole new attitude. He'd go out to face the world knowing, *Everything is handled. All I have to do now is whatever the don asks me to do, and the don knows I don't have anything. So, whatever he asks me to do he'll provide me with the wherewithal to do it.*

That's what a family covenant is all about—and as born-again

believers, we're the family of God! We are in blood covenant with Him, and He has favored and graced us with His exceedingly great and precious promises.

Talk about something that should give you confidence! God's promises are as powerful as He is because they're composed of His words—and He uses His words differently than people do. People primarily use words to communicate, but God uses His words to release His faith. He uses them to put His mighty power to work to create and to change things.

Have you ever read what happened in Genesis 1 when the earth was without form, and darkness was upon the face of the deep? God said, "Light be," and light was!

God's words still carry that kind

of power. His promises can do anything He can do. Because He spoke them they contain His creative ability. So when they're received and acted on in faith, they come to pass.

If you need evidence of this, look at what happened as a result of the exceeding great and precious promises God gave in Old Testament times about the coming of the Messiah. Those promises brought Jesus to the earth! The promise in Micah 5:2 even determined where He would be born. It said, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting" (NKJV).

That promise controlled armies and kingdoms. It set in motion the events that put Mary and Joseph in

Bethlehem at just the right time for Jesus to be born there. It controlled the movement of the heavens so the Magi would see the star at the proper place and proper time, follow it, and find the newborn King of the Jews.

Think of it: All those things happened because God gave an exceeding great and precious promise about the future—and it worked. God said it, the prophet Micah delivered it, and 715 years later it came to pass.

MAKING COURSE CORRECTIONS

“But Brother Copeland,” you might say, “I’ve tried standing on God’s promises, and they haven’t worked that effectively for me.”

Then go back to the Book and find out where the problem is. Brush

up on exactly what the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer's Manual says about those promises. As Brother Kenneth E. Hagin used to remind us, "It's not what you *think* the Bible says that works. It's what the Bible actually says that works."

So make sure you know what God actually said about the promise you've been claiming. Study the verse that contains the promise itself and all the verses that surround it. Then ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to other relevant scriptures. You'll be amazed at what you learn.

I certainly have been over the years. I remember one time, when the ministry had been under financial pressure, I was praying and claiming Isaiah 1:19. "LORD," I said, "You promised in that verse we would eat the good of the land."

You don't qualify for that, He replied.

“What do You mean?” I asked.

That verse says you shall eat the good of the land ‘If ye be willing and obedient,’ He said. You’ve been complaining about going on daily television ever since I told you do it. You’ve never had one good word to say about it. You’ve been obedient in that you did what I said, but you haven’t been willing.

Then He took me to Deuteronomy 28, where the curse is described, and pointed out verses 47-48: “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore you shall serve your enemies.” I didn’t want to serve my enemies! So I immediately repented and changed my attitude. I stopped griping, and started saying, “I love

doing daily television broadcasts!”

In that situation, God’s exceeding great and precious promises corrected me, and I was grateful because that’s what I needed. It’s what we all need from time to time, particularly when we’re not getting the right results in life.

I see everything through the eyes of a pilot, so I can appreciate the importance of making corrections because when I’m on a trip I must make them continually. I can have a good flight plan and know exactly where I want to go, but even flying a relatively slow airplane at a speed of only about 200 miles an hour for four hours, if I get just 10 degrees off course and don’t make a correction for four hours, I’ll be in trouble.

I’ll wind up 133.3 miles off course,

wondering, *Where on earth am I?* At that point, not only will I need correction, I'll also need direction. I'll need to know: *What do I do now? Do I go directly to my intended destination? Do I need to cut across and get back on my original course? What's best?*

Even if I don't get off course on a trip, I still have to make corrections because things happen. The winds change. Storms come up. Conditions arise that might require me to take a different route than I had planned.

It's the same way in life. Unexpected storms arise. Circumstantial winds shift that can negatively influence your thinking. If you don't make any corrections, you can find yourself in a mess with no idea how to get out.

But thank God, when that happens you can go back to the Book!

You can open it up and find exceeding great and precious promises. They're in there and they cover everything that pertains to life and godliness. They contain the answers to every situation that can arise in your spirit, your soul, your body, your finances and your family.

A problem isn't really a problem if you already have the answer! So spend time every day in the Book that has all the right answers. Let it correct you, direct you, protect you and perfect you. Make the Heaven and Earth Manufacturer's Manual, with its exceeding great and precious promises, your first priority and final authority. It will get you where you need to go!

GOD'S PROMISES TO YOU

In Christ, every one of the precious promises in the Bible belong to you. They number in the thousands, and you can stand by faith on all of them. With so many to choose from, you may be wondering where to start. Here are some scriptures that cover some key areas of life. Look them up in your Bible, and study all the verses that surround it. Stand on them in faith and walk out the abundant, victorious life God planned for you!

Salvation

“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.”
—Romans 10:9

Healing

“He [Jesus] was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.” —Isaiah 53:5, *AMPC*

Protection

“Because you have made The LORD your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place, there shall no evil befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent.” —Psalm 91:9–10, *AMPC*

Peace

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” —Isaiah 26:3

Provision

“My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” —Philippians 4:19

God’s Goodness for Your Children

“And all thy children shall be taught of The LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.” —Isaiah 54:13

Financial Abundance

“THE BLESSING of The LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”
—Proverbs 10:22

Your Heart’s Desires

“Delight thyself also in The LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto The LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” —Psalm 37:4–5

Answers to Your Prayers

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” —John 15:7

Wisdom

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” —James 1:5

Strength

“They that wait upon The LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” —Isaiah 40:31

Success

“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” —2 Corinthians 2:14, *NKJV*

Restful Sleep

“When you lie down, you will not be afraid; yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.” —Proverbs 3:24, *NKJV*

A Bright Future

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares The LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” —Jeremiah 29:11, *NIV*

Healing for Your Nation

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” —2 Chronicles 7:14

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. I repent of sin. I renounce it. I renounce the devil and everything he stands for. Jesus is my Lord.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm

also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It's God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to watch the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast and VICTORY Channel™ and become a doer of the Word, who is blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25).

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