

GOD'S WORD IS LIFE AND POWER

1. Every promise in the Word of God is for us. In your prayers, present the pledged word of Jehovah and by faith claim His promises. His word is the assurance that if you ask in faith, you will receive all spiritual blessings. Continue to ask, and you will receive exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think. Educate yourself to have unlimited confidence in God. Cast all your care upon Him. Wait patiently for Him, and He will bring it to pass. HP p. 71
2. We are to come to God, not in a spirit of self-justification, but with humility, repenting of our sins. He is able to help us, willing to do for us more than we ask or think. He has the abundance of heaven wherewith to supply our necessities... God is holy, and we must pray, "lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." 1Tim. 2:8, HP p. 71
3. For any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received. ED p. 258
4. God stands back of every promise He has made. COL p. 147
5. Can you not trust in your heavenly Father? Can you not rest upon His gracious promise? Can we not have implicit trust, knowing that He is faithful who hath promised? I entreat you to let your trembling faith again grasp the promises of God. Bear your whole weight upon them with unwavering faith; for they will not, they cannot, fail. 2T p. 497
6. Let these blessed promises, set in the framework of faith, be placed in memory's halls. Not one of them will fail. All that God hath spoken He will do. "He is faithful that promised." 5T p. 630
7. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Rom. 15:4
8. We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving His promises. Angels record every prayer that is earnest and sincere. We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God. GC p. 622
9. How I wish that we might all believe in the promises of God . . . We are not to look into our hearts for joyful emotion as an evidence of our acceptance with heaven, but we are to take God's promises and say, "They are mine. The Lord is letting His Holy Spirit rest upon me. I am receiving the light; for the promise is, 'Believe that ye receive the things ye ask for, and ye shall have them.' By faith I reach within the veil and lay hold of Christ, my strength. I thank God that I have a Savior." ST March 25, 1889
10. Think of Christ. Look to Him in faith; believing His promises. Keep your mind trustful. He will be your stay. Lean on Him, depend on Him . . . Put your trust in One whose arm will never fail . . . Looking to Jesus you will find encouragement. 2SM p. 265
11. For all the promises of God in him are yes, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 2 Cor. 1:20
12. Instead of thinking of your discouragements, think of the power you can claim in Christ's name . . . Let your thoughts be directed to the evidences of the great love of God for you. Faith can endure trial, resist temptation, and bear up under disappointment. Jesus lives as our advocate. All is ours that His mediation secures . . . All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us. ML p. 488,489 or (TBOGA p. 27)

13. The enemy never can take out of the hand of Christ the one who is simply trusting in His promises. BC, Ellen G. White Comments on Revelation 3:3; p. 959 or (TBOGA p. 11)
14. The children of God may rejoice in all things and at all times. When troubles and difficulties come, believing in the wise providence of God, you may rejoice. You need not wait for a happy flight of feelings, but by faith you may lay hold of the promises and lift up a hymn of thanksgiving to God. . . . HP p. 123
15. There are many who, though striving to obey God's commandments, have little peace or joy. This lack in their experience is the result of a failure to exercise faith. They walk, as it were, in a salt land, a parched wilderness. They claim little, when they might claim much; for there is no limit to the promises of God. Such ones do not correctly represent the sanctification that comes through obedience to the truth. The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient. Through the exercise of faith the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed. HP p. 200
16. Jacob prevailed because he was persevering and determined. His experience testifies to the power of importunate prayer. It is now that we are to learn this lesson of prevailing prayer, of unyielding faith. The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth or the favor of men. They are those victories that are gained in the audience chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power. PP p. 203
17. Those who are unwilling to forsake every sin and to seek earnestly for God's blessing, will not obtain it. But all who will lay hold of God's promises as did Jacob, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." Luke 18:7-8, PP p. 203
18. It is in these promises that Christ communicates to us His grace and power. They are leaves from the tree which is "for the healing of the nations." *Revelation 22:2* Received, assimilated, they are to be the strength of the character, the inspiration and sustenance of the life. Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and faith which give vital energy to the whole being. MH p. 122
19. We should now acquaint ourselves with God by proving His promises. Angels record every prayer that is earnest and sincere. We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God. The deepest poverty, the greatest self-denial, with His approval, is better than riches, honors, ease, and friendship without it. GC p. 622
20. By what means did He overcome in the conflict with Satan? By the word of God. Only by the word could He resist temptation. "It is written," He said. And unto us are given "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 1:4* Every promise in God's word is ours. "By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," are we to live. When assailed by temptation, look not to circumstances or to the weakness of self, but to the power of the word. All its strength is yours. "Thy word," says the psalmist, "have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee. By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer." Ps. 119:11; 17:4, DA p. 123

21. Should you sit always in one position, without moving, your muscles would become strength less and your limbs would lose the power of motion. The same is true in regard to your religious experience. You must have faith in the promises of God . . . Faith will perfect itself in exercise and activity. HP p. 104
22. (Referring to faith as a grain of mustard seed.) If you have faith like this, you will lay hold upon God's word, and upon all the helpful agencies He has appointed. Thus your faith will strengthen, and will bring to your aid the power of heaven. The obstacles that are piled by Satan across your path, though apparently as insurmountable as the eternal hills, shall disappear before the demand of faith. "Nothing shall be impossible unto you." DA p. 431
23. The mother of Augustine prayed for her son's conversion. She saw no evidence that the Spirit of God was impressing his heart, but she was not discouraged. She laid her finger upon the texts, presenting before God His own words, and pleaded as only a mother can. Her deep humiliation, her earnest importunities, her unwavering faith, prevailed and the Lord gave her the desire of her heart. Today He is just as ready to listen to the petitions of His people. "His hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear;" and if Christian parents seek Him earnestly, He will fill their mouths with arguments and for His name's sake will work mightily in their behalf in the conversion of their children. 5T p. 322, 323
24. Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah. COL p. 143
25. True faith lays hold of and claims the promised blessing before it is realized and felt. EW, Prayer and Faith, p. 72
26. For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for any gift that He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received. We need to look for no outward evidence of the blessing. The gift is in the promise, and we may go about our work assured that what God has promised He is able to perform, and that the gift, which we already possess, will be realized when we need it *most*. ED p. 258
27. We have too little faith: We limit the Holy One of Israel. We should be grateful that God condescends to use any of us as His instruments. For every earnest prayer put up in faith for anything, answers will be returned. They may not come just as we have expected; but they will come, not perhaps as we have devised, but at the very time when we most need them. But, oh how sinful is our unbelief! "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it will be done unto you" 3T p. 209; Power of Prayer, p. 93

The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. Ps. 119:130

I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life. Ps. 119:93

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 1:1 NKJV

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4 NKJV

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NKJV

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are LIFE. John 6:63 NKJV

But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:14

... for You have magnified Your word above all Your name. Ps. 138:2 NKJV

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. 19:13, 16 NKJV

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings, Prov. 4:20

Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; Prov. 4:21

For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Prov. 4:22

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of Life. 1John 1:1 NKJV

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. 1 John 1:4 NKJV

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness:" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor. 12:9-10 NKJV

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5 NKJV

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. John 15:7 NKJV

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly . . . Col. 3:16

ASK – Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matt.7:7

BELIEVE – Whatever things you ask when you pray believe that you receive them, and you will have them. Mark 11:24

CLAIM – Father I thank You that You have heard Me. John 11:41

Suggested Reading:

Abiding in Christ, by Andrew Murray

Christ's Object Lessons, Asking to Give, pp. 139-149, by Ellen White

Exalting His Word, by Shelley Quinn

Early Writings, Prayer and Faith, p. 72-73, by Ellen White

Education, Faith and Prayer, pp. 253-261, by Ellen White

Incredible Answers to Prayer, by Roger Morneau

In Heavenly Places, by Ellen White

Prayer, by Ellen White

Steps to Christ, The Privilege of Prayer, pp. 93-104, by Ellen White

The ABC's of Bible Prayer, by Glenn Coon

The Desire of Ages, by Ellen White

Thoughts From the Mount of Blessings, The Lord's Prayer, pp. 102-122, by Ellen White

The Power of Prayer, by Teach Publishing

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