

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 81

Do You Believe the Promises of God?
He promised You Daily Grace from His Love
All you Need is Faith



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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



LESSON

The truth is this: the promises of God, His grace provision, are not going to help you if you don't **believe** them!

Heb 4:1-3 "Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. (2) For we also have had the Gospel preached to us just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them because those who heard did not combine it with faith. (3) For we who have believed enter that rest..."

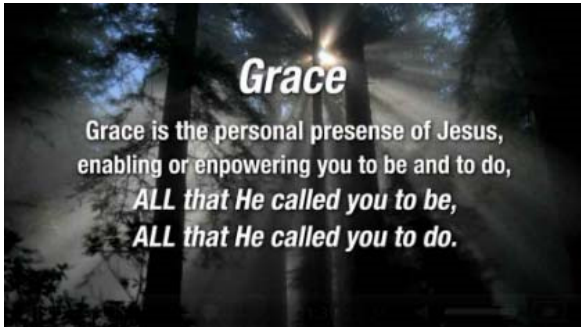


The LORD God provided the Jews of Moses' generation the promise land but they DID NOT ENTER into that land because of their unbelief. The LORD provides grace blessings for us, too, that we don't enter into as well because of OUR unbelief.

God doesn't want that for us. His wrath or anger is the flip side of His love. The wrath or anger of God is the character of God responding to the character of God being rejected. The wrath or anger of God is only possible because God is love. That wrath, that anger is the expression of love that is rejected. This anger is righteous anger, which means it is selfless because God knows that His love is amazing and that He created men to be His friends. He is angry when His enemies try to rob Him of having these friends. The enemy's activity is to try to cheat God from having that which He has set His heart on...believers as

His friends...God wants us all to Himself! James 1:5-8 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without criticism, and it will be given to him. (6) But **he must ask in faith without any doubting**, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. (7) For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, (8) being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

You know those grace blessings God has for us that were mentioned above? Well we receive those every day and one area in the plan of God that gets attacked is our daily logistical grace blessings. People look at believers, or themselves even, and they complain that God is not taking care of them. Let's take a look at just what this daily logistical grace is.



Logistical grace is our everyday grace. It's our divine support, divine provision, and divine blessing so that we can complete the plan God has for us each day. God provides us this daily grace so we can fulfil God's will, purpose, and plan for your life.

What is the goal of daily logistical grace? The goal is to fulfill God's will, purpose, and plan for your life. That means that the Lord provides whatever is needed each day to get you to go forward in the race or plan of God.

Notice it is not what YOU think you need. It is what you REALLY need! God provides that.

You think you need health. God knows you need sickness. You think you need an easy job. God knows you need a difficult job to build your character. You think you need a mansion. God knows you need a pup tent right now. You are on a military expedition. You think you need a lot of money to buy all the groceries you want. God knows that right now you need to have to learn to rely on someone else to provide the meals you need to live on.

Logistical grace includes three parts of divine provision:

1. Life support is provided for every Church Age believer. This explains how and why we are alive every moment. The only reason we are alive is because has a plan for our lives and gives us daily logistical grace in order to fulfil that plan. In other words, He gives us life each day we desire to live in His plan. We do not earn or deserve this daily grace; there's no work we can accomplish to keep ourselves alive. God has a plan for that.
2. Daily blessing is provided for every Church Age believer, both runners (positive believers) and runaways (believers not wanting to live God's plan...they are wanderers). This shows us the justice of God (one of His 10 attributes or character traits) in that the justice of God sends life support and blessing to the indwelling righteousness of God in both the believers going forward in God's plan and those believers who are drifting off course.



Do you see how grace is emphasized in God's plan? You see you are alive only because of the grace of God, not because of anything you do. Winners use the logistical grace to the max but losers coast on it...you know they don't even know they have these blessings and they never use it.

3. Divine provision for every Church Age believer to fulfil the plan of God...to run the race. This means especially the provision of His Word in the form of a teaching ministry from the prepared pastor-teacher, which God provides for you.

Now let's look at something in the Bible about logistical grace. The most remarkable passages on daily logistical grace blessings are found in the standpoint of believers who are entering **by faith** (they believe) into the life of giving and receiving:

Phil 4:18-20 "But I have received everything in full and have an abundance (of grace blessing); I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. (19) And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (20) Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

2 Cor 9:6-12 "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (7) Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (8) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance (of grace) for every good deed; (9) as it is written, 'He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever.' (10) Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; (11) you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. (12) This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."



And God's love says that it is way more important for one of His children to enter into this life...HIS life...of giving and receiving than it is an issue for him what kind of car we drive or food we eat or temporary living space we sleep under. That's how His love is. It is deep. It is powerful. God's love is making us into those friends He has desired

ever since He created mankind in the garden.

Mat 17:5 "This is my BELOVED Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him." Without FAITH it is impossible to please Him, because as we see in Heb 11:6. "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." Why? Is it because God has a big ego? No! It is because this faith, this seeking is how we enter into that intimate relationship...that love relationship. It is how we walk along the path to the status of friendship with God.



Also faith (belief) in the Lord as our response to suffering in our lives releases the power for the church age believer. It is the power-in-residence of the Word of God times the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God! 1 Thess 2:13 says, "For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, **the Word of God**, which also performs its **work** in you who **believe**."

Eph 1:18-21 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will **know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the surpassing greatness of **His power** toward us who **believe**. (19) These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His **might** (20) which He brought about in Christ, **when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, (21) far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come."

Eph 3:20 "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..."

If you are a believer in Christ:

Never forget that you have been regenerated (born again spiritually in Christ).

Never forget that you have been placed in union with Christ.

Never forget that Christ lives in you.

And that the Father and the Spirit also live in you permanently.

And that you have that new and eternal life from God implanted.

And that the Word of God is alive and powerful.

And that the Holy Spirit has worked in you your spiritual gift.





You go through a difficult time in your life but God gives you the grace to get through it even though it hurts a lot, He'll get you through. You exercise your faith and you consider, know, and let Him provide everything you need to fulfil His plan for you and then you can breathe this tremendous SIGH of RELIEF!



Now you can look forward to Him doing all kinds of things for you. And since He is in control of your life now that you let Him you will get through anything that comes your way. These things will happen and they are guaranteed, according to the Word of God...God's promises. Do you believe it? It will happen for you as it did for the Apostle Paul. He tells you all about it in his letters to us.

The endurance, the maturity, completeness will all happen for you if you just believe and live it.

What's our job? Believe it. TRUST Him. Continue to have faith in Him every day. Live in Him every day. Be guided by the Spirit every day and you will grow up and God will get you there...where He wants you to be...just believe it! Get the picture?

Close in prayer.

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