



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Are you Satisfied...by Gareth

Sometimes in life we do not reach forward for all that is available to us, often content to stay where we are at rather than reaching for that higher ground. Remember Moses could have settled for the lower reaches of the mountains but He obeyed God and went further - Ex 19:20. If you or I or not satisfied as believers then I suggest we look again at the Word of God. Satisfaction guaranteed.

He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature - 2 Peter 1:4. God's promises are precious, magnificent, and have extreme value. The author of Hebrews encourages us with these words:

Do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised - Hebrews 10:35-36.

In 1 Kings, we read where Solomon has been praying. In fact, he has been blessing the Lord for His faithfulness. Then he makes this statement: Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised; not one word has failed of all His good promise, which He promised through Moses His servant -1 Kings 8:56.

God did exactly what He had promised to do, and Solomon was honouring the Lord by acknowledging it. He had a grateful heart, and he wanted the people to respond in gratitude also. Solomon was satisfied?

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight - Proverbs 3:5-6.

Is this a promise you can claim? Absolutely God is saying, "I'm aware of what you are facing. I know your need. Trust Me, lean on me and not on your human knowledge, and I will provide all that you need and so much more." Paul underscores this very thing when he writes: My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus - Philippians 4:19.

In 1 Thessalonians, he simply tells us: Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass - 1 Thessalonians 5:24. God is honoured and glorified when we trust Him and when we pray, "Lord, show me in Your Word a promise that I can cling to in this trying time." There is not a time when God refuses to answer the prayers of His people. He says: Call to Me and I will hear your voice (Jeremiah 33:3).

David declares his satisfaction in God. Read Psalm 18:30-36 what a promise: He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me upon my high places. He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand upholds me; and Your gentleness makes me great. You enlarge my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped.

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WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

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- In Lamentations, Jeremiah wrote: *"This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. The LORD's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I have hope in Him' - Lamentations 3:21-24.*
- The Israel people were not satisfied because they failed to take God at his Word. Had they done so they would have been satisfied
- God is satisfaction guaranteed, because He is faithful.
- Maybe you are not satisfied because you believe God hasn't met your need today?
 - ❖ I have not because I ask not - *James 4:2*
 - ❖ Need faith ask for it - *Matt 21:22*
 - ❖ You need wisdom ask for it - *James 1:5*
 - ❖ Need Salvation ask for it - *Rom 10:9-10*
 - ❖ Need mercy ask for it - *Heb 4:16*
 - ❖ Need forgiveness ask for it - *1 John 1:9*
 - ❖ Need to be restored ask for it - *Joel 2:25-26*
 - ❖ Need healing ask for it - *Jer 30:17*
- You can always be satisfied in God because He can meet every single need no matter how big or small.

Events /Notices

- ▶ **Attention all parents!** Christian Assembly will be sharing some valuable information regarding the health and safety of all children who attend. We will keep you up to date on this development but expect to be meeting with you within the next few weeks.
- ▶ **Hallelujah Harvest Celebration** for children of all ages on *Monday evening 31st October @ 6.30 - 8.00pm* . Games, songs, stories and lots of healthy treats from God's abundant harvest. (probably a few unhealthy ones too). Parents are very welcome as well as all who are would like to participate. (*Bring some fruit or a healthy snack*)