

Week of May 3, 2009
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Monday

Heb. 13:5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU."

Here is a clear promise. *He will never leave nor will He forsake you.* Therefore, all the power, resources, love, and wisdom of God are yours in abundance. I have found that the trials of life are reduced to rubble by the sure knowledge that God is walking with me. If He is with me, then I know that what I face is filtered through His love. I know that if He is with me, the outcome of my journey is assured in His grace. I know that if He is with me, then all will end in His loving conclusion. Now, you and I have the promise that He is always with us, walking with us in every step.

Tuesday

Rom. 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Wow! What a statement of promise. God is at work in every situation to bring about good things for me. How do I know? He has promised it. Who are the called? Those who have trusted in Jesus for salvation. Who are those who love the Lord? Those who have received Jesus by faith. For whom is God working all things together for good? For me. For you. For every person who has received the Savior. This is a promise as sure as heaven, as sure as salvation. Let it bring peace to your soul and hope to your life and patience in your time of trial.

Wednesday

Luke 12:24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!"

To worry over resources has always been a temptation. Jesus provided the escape from worry by providing promises of His provision. See how God is taking care of the birds and the flowers, He said. His resources are abundant for them. You are more valuable to God than the birds or the flowers. For you He has not even spared His beloved Son. Your value to God is assured by the sacrifice of Jesus. His daily provision for you is secured in your value to Him. Look at the birds. As God has cared for them, so much more He is caring for you. Count on it. Believe it.

Thursday

1John 2:25 This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

Now this is the worst that can happen to you: the Glory of Heaven and all of its riches! Oh, believer—BELIEVE! God has made you secure in His promise of eternal life. This is the most precious promise of all. In Christ, in His death, in His grace you are secured by faith. Such is the eternal, un-retractable, undeniable promise of the Father. Have you believed it? Keep believing it! Knowing your eternity is secure—believe God for your present circumstances. Stop worrying.

Friday

Mal. 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows."

Just as the promise of salvation is conditioned upon your obedient faith (for by grace you are saved through *faith*), so the promise of economic gain and security is conditioned upon your faithfulness to God's tithe. Who does not want the blessing of God? You? Of course you do. The fullness of God's blessing is responsive only to those who are faithful to God's instruction. In these times, more than ever, I want to know I am walking under the provision of God's promise. Thank God for His promise. Embrace it through your obedience.