

THE POWER OF THE “PRAYER OF RELEASE” AND THE PROMISES OF GOD

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A. The Promises of God

Generally when a need arises, **focus on God’s promises.**

Heb 6:12 “**follow those who through faith and patience inherit God’s promises.**”

2Pet 1:4 “We have been given **exceeding great and precious promises** that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature.....”

2Cor 1:20 “**All the promises of God** in Him are yes, and in Him amen, unto the glory of God by us.”

Keep strong faith in God and His Word, *Num 23:19.*

When a need arises, go to the promises of God in His Word. (Ask for a set of the “Promises of God” sheets if you want one.)

Press in strongly to God and seek His Face, *Jer 29:13.* With patience and endurance ask for, believe and receive God’s provision. *Heb 6:12, Jam 1:5,6, Rom 4:20,21, Mk 11:24, Mk 10:27, Mat 17:20.*

Hold to a strong, positive confession of faith, *Heb 10:23,36, Mk 11:22,23, Heb 4:14, (look up Heb 11:1 in the Amplified Bible), Heb 11:6.*

For example:

When God called us into full-time ministry, 1973-1976, to travel among the churches of Northland, NZ, to establish, strengthen and equip, we had no guaranteed financial support at all. We stepped out part-time, 1975-1977, and full-time in 1978. We had four children at home and all the expenses of life. As we cried out to God for the supply of our needs, He led us to scripture promises of provision such as, *Phil 4:19, 1K 17:14, Ruth 2:12, Ps 144:13, Hag 2:8, Lk 6:38, Mal 3:10, Mat 6:33, 2Cor 8:11-15* and so on. As we believed, confessed and praised God for these, He met all our needs. Not that it was easy! It was a faith battle. God is faithful, *1Thes 5:24, Heb 10:23*. Now we have been travelling for 24years full-time and God has met all our needs. Hallelujah!!

God is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, *Heb 11:6, 2Chr 15:7, Ps 84:11, Ps 34:4,6,10,15,17,19, Jer 29:11-14, Mat 7:7,8.*

B.

Sometimes, however our prayer and faith are hindered by **demanding God** to do it, **fear** of what might happen, **impatience, unrepented sin, or a wrong motive** as in *Jam 4:3*. Perhaps the need is **beyond our faith level**, or there is doubt, *Jam 1:6, Rom 4:20*.

In times like this, **by the leading of the Holy Spirit**, we have found it very helpful **to cast the need and the situation on the Lord and trust Him to work it out.**

Ps 55:22 “**Cast your burden on the Lord** and He shall sustain you, He shall **NEVER permit** the righteous to be moved.”

Ps 37:5 “**Roll your way upon the Lord**, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.”
(Also *Mat 11:28-30*).

For example:

When we first came to Auckland, we bought a three bedroomed house but as the children grew physically, they took more room. Also we had another child so that we were very cramped. I

wrestled with it for some time and became very frustrated. One day I said to the Lord that I would release the problem to Him and just be thankful for what I had. Very soon after that the way opened for us to build on two rooms and the problem was solved. Praise the Lord.

Also, at one time, I had a three year old who was waking every night for no reason. I did not like getting up at night and became angry with the child. This was no answer and in fact was sin. Finally, I released the problem to the Lord and said I would get up and pray when he woke. In no time we were both sleeping well!

One night, as I was driving home from a Sunday School Teachers' meeting with Annie, she told me her family problems. I shared *Psalm 55:22* with her. This says, "Cast your burdens upon the Lord and He will sustain you, He will never permit the righteous to be moved!" She went home and did just that. The presence of God came down and surrounded her. She was released from her cares and found peace in God. Jesus became a reality in her life and today both she and her family serve the Lord.

"God will cause **all things to work together for good to those who love God**, who are the called according to His purpose." *Rom 8:28*.

KEEP TRUSTING GOD STRONGLY. *Jer 17:7,8.*

KEEP FOLLOWING THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT *Jn 14:26.*

[Make sure you use many real life examples of **believing God's promises** and of **the prayer of releasing problems to God** for Him to sort them out.]