



How can God ‘afford’ to make such incredible promises Scripture ?

The Bible does not specifically address every situation that you may experience in life. God has instead covered every situation universally through the promises in His word. It is important that we know these promises that God made so that they can be universally applied to different situations in our lives. The promises, however, are not just generally accessible, but all who are in a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ with God (See Hebrews 11).

**Matthew 16:19**

<sup>19</sup>And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

“binding and loosing” represent Kingdom authority – “house rules” and access within the established kingdom. Ask – are you in the “house?” The promises belong to the inhabitants.

**Matthew 18:18**

<sup>18</sup>Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

“any-thing” refers to Kingdom things being talked about in Matthew 18. The Father will do all things in accordance with His will. Are **YOU** in solidarity (unified/in union) with Him? In what ways are you not?

**Matthew 18:19**

<sup>19</sup>Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

**Matthew 21:22**

<sup>22</sup>And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

**John 14:13**

<sup>13</sup>And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

The promise of “answered prayer” – if we ask in solidarity (or in union) with Jesus. His name represents His person and His purpose. **John 15:16**

<sup>16</sup>Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**John 16:23**

<sup>23</sup>And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

## 1 John 3:22

<sup>22</sup>And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

When we keep **His commandments**, it is a statement that we are in agreement with Him and His purpose. When we love Him (John 14:15,21) we keep His commandments because we trust Him and want to see that His will is accomplished.

## 1 John 5:14-15

<sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, He heareth us; And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

## Mark 9:23 + 2 Corinthians 4:13

Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth + We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

What we believe makes all the difference with what we receive in life. There is a ("**mental disposition**" - *state of mind*) of faith that the saints had despite their circumstances which controlled what they said! "**DON'T SAY WHAT YOU SEE...SEE WHAT YOU SAY!**"

## Mark 11:23-24

<sup>23</sup>For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

**QUESTION FOR THOUGHT:** What is your relationship with the Lord? List as many as apply. (Example: "I am related to the Lord as His 'brother.'" HINT: God is a Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit).