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# ששה חדשים בשמן הכרוש שה חדשים בכשום בתולות בתולות

Simply teaching the Word simply

- 7474 promises of God in the Bible!
- Exceeding great & precious promises
- Unshakable and secure because it is God who promises
- They are to be an anchor for the soul
- They drive us to become more Godly
- They give us focus and clarity, so that we don't become entangled with the affairs of this life

- Two distinct categories:
- Unconditional promises
  - 'Covenant' promises
  - Centred around 'God's plan of redemption'
    - cf. the mystery of God's will Ephesians 1:9-10
  - These are not dependant on our ability
  - You cannot lose, forfeit or be disinherited from
- You automatically become a beneficiary of these promises as a believer
  - Irrespective of faith
    - They are not dependant on you believing them

- Two distinct categories:
- Conditional promises
  - These also are certain because they are promises of God!
- These are not automatic.
- They are freely available, to all believers...
- But only by faith can they be actuated
  - A child of God can 'forfeit' or fail to be a beneficiary of these promises through doubt or unbelief

- If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

  James 1:5-7
- So the promise of wisdom being given is dependent on faith that God will give it -

- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms:

**Deuteronomy 33:27** 

 This is only a comfort to the soul as long as we have faith to believe it!

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Do we believe this?

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:25

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew 6:26

- 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- <sup>29</sup> And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Matthew 6:27-29

- Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

  Matthew 6:30-32

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

## The Life of Faith

"Take no thought for your life." "Be careful about one thing only," says our Lord—"your relationship to Me." Common sense shouts loud and says—"That is absurd, I must consider how I am going to live, I must consider what I am going to eat and drink." Jesus says you must not. Beware of allowing the thought that this statement is made by One Who does not understand our particular circumstances. Jesus Christ knows our circumstances better than we do, and He says we must not think about these things so as to make them the one concern of our life. Whenever there is competition, be sure that you put your relationship to God first" - Oswald Chambers,

#### The Life of Faith

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace"

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Philippians 4:6-7

## Don't Worry

"Suppose God is the God you know Him to be when you are nearest to Him, what an impertinence worry is! Let the attitude of the life be a continual "going out" in dependence upon God, and your life will have an ineffable charm about it which is a satisfaction to Jesus"

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest,

<sup>22</sup> Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

**Psalm 55:22** 

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

68 Thou art good, and doest good;

**Psalm 119:68** 

"...there is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:11

 God doesn't give special favors or blessing to others 'better' than ourselves



- How shall a young man cleanse his way?
   by taking heed to thy word. Psalm 119:9
- "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."
   1 Corinthians 10:13

- For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world 1 John 5:4
- I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one 1 John 2:13
- "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abides in you" 1 John 2:14
- "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" John 8:36

• Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31

- "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" Jude 24
- Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:6

## ...for the heavy hearted

- The LORD is near to them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as be of a contrite spirit. Psalm 34:18
- Cast all your care upon him; for he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
   Matthew 11:28
- He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds Psalm 147:3

# ...for those under spiritual siege

- The angel of the LORD encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them. Psalm 34:7
- If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31
- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

James 4:7-8

#### ...for the afflicted

- "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivers him out of them all" Psalm 34:19
- "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" 2 Corinthians 4:17
- "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us"

Romans 8:18

## ...for the life of service

- "For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His name" Hebrews 6:9-10
- "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" Matthew 19:29
- And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
   Galatians 6:9

# ...for those needing comfort

- I will never leave you or forsake you Hebrews 13:5
- For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.
   Psalm 94:14
- Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever you go Joshua 1:9

## ...for those needing comfort

• "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me". Psalms 23:4

## ...for those seeking peace

- Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee. Isaiah 26:3
- "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". John 14:27

## ...for those seeking peace

 "And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:7

## ...for those needing reassurance

- "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ". Philippians 1:6
- "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10:27-28

## ...for those needing reassurance

- "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:38-39
- "But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him". Psalm 4:3

## ...for those needing boldness

- "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" Deuteronomy 31:6
- "One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He has promised you" Joshua 23:10

## ...for those needing boldness

- "For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him" Psalm 18:29-30
- "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

## ...in the midst of political turmoil

- "For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations" Psalm 22:28
- "the most High rulest in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will" Daniel 4:32
- "...Jesus Christ...Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" 1 Peter 3:21-22

# ...God will judge the wicked

- "I will not justify the wicked" Exodus 23:7
- "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusts in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about" Psalm 32:10
- "For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth" Psalm 37:9-10

# ...God will judge the wicked

- "For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it" Proverbs 2:21-22
- "The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble" Proverbs 4:19
- "The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened" Proverbs 10:27

# ...for those needing forgiveness

- "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" Isaiah 55:7
- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9

# ...for those needing forgiveness

- "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" Isaiah 1:8
- "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" Romans 8:1

## ...our walk through life

- "All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies" Psalm 25:10
- "I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them" Isaiah 42:16

## ...our walk through life

• "He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his saints" Proverbs 2:7-8

#### ...whatever the circumstances

- "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28
- "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry" Psalm 34:15
- "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" Psalm 23:6

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