1THESS 47

Knowing God’s integrity and promises will stand against any attack from Satan.

Remember we will partake of the Eucharist table at the end of the message.

We will open today with several promises from God that you can use.

Also, we will be going into Philippians chapter 4 so you can turn there as well.

/As the Bel grows there will be scriptures and Biblical stories or doctrines that they will hold near and dear. Those scriptures, doctrines and stories will be used during faith-rest techniques. Every Bel will gather their own personal favorites and they will have great meaning to them. Therefore, applying them for faith-rest will be a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare.\

Let me open today with a list of common promises from God that I used in my walk with God over the years.

/Isa 41:10 ‘**Do not fear, for I am with you**; Do not be afraid, **for I am your God**.
**I will strengthen** you, I will also **help** **you,** I will also uphold you with My
righteous right hand.’

Isa 26:3“The steadfast of mind **You will keep in perfect peace**, Because he trust
in You. \

If you trust in God and follow HIM He promises to guide you and deliver you into peace.

/Deu 31:8 “And **the LORD is the one who is going ahead of you**; He will be with you. **He will not desert you** or abandon you. Do not fear and do not be dismayed.”

Jhn 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you so **that in Me you may have peace**. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; **I have overcome the world.**” \

Every Bel should realize God goes ahead of all of us. Jesus Christ conquered the world on that cross…HE did away with the power of death and sin.

Why are you still hung up on those issues?

/Psa 32:8 **I will instruct you** and teach you in the way which you should go; I will advise you with **My eye upon you.**

Psa 37:23 The **steps of a man are established by the LORD**, And He
delights in his way. 24 When he falls, he will not be hurled down, Because the
**LORD is the One who holds his hand**. \

Again, the promise is always that if we just trust in HIM – seek Him for guidance we will be lifted up.

Using the promises of GOD and core doctrines you can apply faith-rest in strength.

/Matt 11:28 Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and **I will give you rest**. 29 “Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me, for I am gentle** and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 “For **My yoke is comfortable**, and My burden is light.” \

Jesus Christ called us to live a life of love and contentment, it doesn’t mean there won’t be some times of challenges and difficulties.

 It means HE will guide us through and bring us back to HIS love and contentment every time.

/Exo 14:14 “The **LORD will fight for you**, while you keep silent.”

1Cor 1:27 but **God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise**, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, \

1Corinthians 1:26-29 was what I kept close to my heart when I was ordained as a pastor-teacher.

I kept running from the calling of pastor, because my past still was dragging me down to some degree.

For me, 1Cor 1:26-29 – was a powerful promise that no matter what the nay-sayers and intellectual crowd may say. No matter what my past was, no matter how I thought about myself – GOD can take a donkey and use it in HIS plan.

HE certainly can take a Bel with a positive attitude and stubborn nature and use them in HIS plan.

Now in Philippians chapter four we see another set of scriptural promises;

/Philp 4:6 Do **not be anxious about anything,** but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving **let your requests** be made known to God.

The Apostle Paul is teaching these Bels that as they mature and reach upward they need to shed the emotions that hold most people back.\

This is not a scripture to teach the Bel to cry out in prayer for God at every turn. It points to a prayer life that is filled with humility – thanksgiving.

Everything we do in life should have God’s hand upon it – the job you work at, the house you own, your family life – all of it should be involved in your prayer life.

Never make a serious decision without prayer and allowing God the HS to touch you and come along side you.

God the HS is the Comforter who comes along side to guide us – yet we have to allow HIM to do so.

When you get beyond the immaturity of first being born again and saved - you start to understand Biblical concepts and deeper doctrines this means faith-rest goes to a higher level.

/[Phl 4:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/4/7/s_1107007) And **the peace***(eirēnē)***of God**, which **surpasses all comprehension**, will **guard your hearts** and **minds** in Christ Jesus.

Harmony, tranquility and security are only found through the peace (faith-rest) of God.\

IRENE-A, has several definitions and they all point to serenity at a higher level. It also means prosperity and a benefit or advantage that puts you at ease.

That is the ultimate goal of faith-rest.

This is a protection against the stumbling blocks and attacks of the devil’s world.

Your soul, meaning your mind is protected as you reach SM and faith-rest is becoming a stronger weapon in your arsenal.

This is spiritual prosperity from getting closer to God.

[Phl 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/4/8/s_1107008) Finally, brothers *and sisters,* whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

**IF** is written in a Greek first-class condition – meaning there is excellence and many things worthy of praise when we are engulfed in BD (the mind of Christ).

/[Phl 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/4/9/s_1107009) As **for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me**, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

BD and the application of being imitators of the Apostle Paul who followed Christ, live in faith-rest.\

These things you learned from studying the word filled with God the HS.

/The Believer who is advancing, who has doctrine resident in the soul sustains the purpose and the will of God, and they can have perfect, spiritual prosperity. The production dynamics of faith-rest is described in several passages. Faith-rest is absolutely necessary for prayer — Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:24.\

Mar 11:24 “Therefore, I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be *granted* to you.

 Everyone will face fear from time to time, fear of adversity, of danger, fear of death.

There are many types of fear but faith-rest overcomes all of them —

/Psa 56:3 When I am afraid, **I will put my trust in You**. 4 In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid. **What can mere
mortals do to me?** \

This is the faith-rest technique overcoming a mental attitude sin called fear. If your believe TLJC is GOD and you are in union with HIM – who could be greater or stronger than that?

The overcoming of worry is the function of faith-rest —

/1Pe 5:7 having **cast all your anxiety** on Him, because He cares about you.

God does not want you living in emotional chain sins like fear and anxiety. \

The faith-rest technique can be applied even in the worse circumstances —

In Matthew 8:13, the Roman centurion who came to Jesus asking Him to heal a child showed more faith than many of the followers of Jesus. Followers who had been with HIM from the beginning.

The original Greek text tells us it may have been his own child.

When Jesus said I will come and see him, the Roman officer said no…just say the word and it will be done!

/Mat 8:13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And **the servant was healed**at that *very* moment.

God is ultimately in control - have faith that what HE decides will be the best outcome and it will glorify HIM in the long run. Even when the outcome is not exactly how you wanted it! \

Faith-rest is related to SM and occupation with the person of Christ —You reach a level of maturity where you have not only the capacity for life, not only all of the blessings necessary in the spiritual realm, but you will also have desires compatible with your current position.

You are not praying and reaching for something outside of where God has placed you in that moment.

Prayers and effort that will eventually pull you away from God, or do not align with HIS plan in the moment are foolishness.

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God will not respond to that.

God will not reward a Bel who is driving toward something they do not have the capacity for.

Faith-rest is the technique for the application of your royal priesthood —

/1Co 2:5 so that **your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind**, but on the power of God.

2Co 5:7 for **we walk by faith**, not by sight—\

To walk by faith means walking by the new nature, applying the word of God.

The world teaches us to walk by sight.

Jump over to Colossians chapter two RF.

/Faith-rest is related to the function of GAP — Grace Apparatus for Perception. Meaning the grace system of gathering knowledge from BD and having it eventually turn into wisdom which relates to your Spiritual I.Q. In God’s grace plan at salvation, HE graciously endowed all Bels with at least 40 gifts. He also gave through HIS abundant grace system, an ability to have the mind of Christ enlighten and applicable for fallen mankind.\

You can not apply the mind of Christ without having a strong enough faith to not only apply it properly but also have a capacity for this divine knowledge.

Col 2: 6 Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him,

Walking in the new nature is what the Apostle Paul is teaching.

/[Col 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/col/2/7/s_1109007) having been **firmly rooted** and *now* **being built up in Him** and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

Your salvation firmly rooted you in Christ. God’s grace plan gave you everything you need to be built up in HIM.\

In God’s grace plan HE did everything in eternity past so you are not earning or working for something…it was already given to you!

The only stipulation points to capacity meaning spiritual growth.

God can never take back all the grace gifts and blessings.

Yet through HIS justice system there is a standard of capacity in relation to many grace gifts. Not all grace gifts and blessings - just those that may pull you away from HIM and become a hinderance in your temporal life.

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This is why The Apostle Paul gives the warning in the very next verse.

/Col 2:8 See to it that there is **no one who takes you captive** through **philosophy** and **empty deception** in accordance with **human tradition**, in accordance with the **elementary** **principles of the world,** rather than in accordance with Christ.\

Satan’s cosmic system filled with lies, counterfeits and distractions.

Faith-rest is related to the victory of the angelic conflict —

/1Jhn 5:4 For whoever has been born of God **overcomes the world**; and **this is the victory**that has overcome the world: **our faith**.

When faith-rest is accurately and habitually applied, the Bel becomes a victorious soldier in spiritual combat.\

You are called to Spiritual Maturity and all the grace gifts and blessings are in escrow from millions or billions of years ago. The divine legal standard is that they remain yours, never to be taken away - yet many gifts and blessings require capacity.

Escrow accounts take two parties or sometimes three to distribute. They have a legal trigger mechanism.

So that even though something of great value legally belongs to one of those parties, it cannot be released until a set time or standard is in place.

In the divine courtroom of heaven, it was declared that some escrow blessings would need a level of maturity or capacity for the trigger to release them.

/Because we are union with Christ and HE so loved us before the foundation of the world. HE went to that cross to ensure blessings and grace were abundantly set aside for every person (Bel or Unbel). The legal, trigger mechanism for the first gate of escrow blessings to open was faith alone in Christ alone. At that moment 40 grace gifts were opened up for you to partake in.\

As we grow in grace and knowledge - the trigger mechanism will release other gifts or blessings in the temporal and eternal state as capacity is increased.

Jesus Christ loved all of us so much that HE wanted HIS highest and best for all of us.

HE never hesitated in eternity past. When the divine courtroom of heaven gave the verdict that only HIS righteousness and HIS perfection, would suffice for the sins of the whole world.

The Lord Jesus Christ stepped up and said I will go – I will become flesh and blood and sacrifice MYSELF for them.

There is no greater love then this – that a man lay down his life for those whom he claims to love.

I ask that we bring our Lord into remembrance today.

On the night our LORD was so bitterly betrayed, HE took the bread and raised up giving thanks.

Saying “This is MY body…take and eat.”

In remembrance of our Lord let us eat the bread.

In the same manner Jesus lifted the cup giving thanks. Saying, “This is my blood…the blood of a new and everlasting covenant.”

“Each time you eat the bread and drink the cup you will bring ME into remembrance.”

In remembrance of The Lord Jesus Christ let us drink the cup.

Let us pray… Amen.