

## Are You Cheating God Out Of His Glory?

### A Caleb's Promise Ministry Teaching

#### II Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God **by us**.

There are over 7000 promises of God in the Holy Scriptures. All—each and every one--belongs unto the Believer.

All the promises of God are given unto us “IN CHRIST.” Another way of saying this is “WITHIN CHRIST.”

properly, in (inside, within); (figuratively) "in the realm (sphere) of," as in the condition (state) in which something operates from the inside (within).

#### Ephesians 2:5-7

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**:

7 That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

#### Colossians 2:10

And ye **are complete in Him**, Which is the Head of all principality and power:

#### Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Greek = “For all things I have strength **in The One** strengthening me.”

“unto the glory of God” = “honor of God”

1391 dóksa (from dokeō, "exercising personal opinion which determines value") – glory. 1391 /dóksa ("glory") corresponds to the OT word, kabo (OT 3519, "to be heavy"). Both terms convey God's infinite, intrinsic worth (substance, essence).

[1391 (dóksa) literally means "what evokes good opinion, i.e. that something has inherent, intrinsic worth" (J. Thayer).]

“so as to honor God, to promote His glory (among men):”

## HOW DO WE FULFILL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN OUR LIVES

**First, we must be Believers – have come to salvation by Jesus Christ – believed in our hearts and confessed with our mouth - Jesus Christ as the risen Son of God.**

**Second, we must operate in the Kingdom of God.**

So, we all here profess to be Believers – having made Jesus Christ our Lord, King, and Savior.

We just need to operate in the Kingdom of God.

What is the Kingdom of God?

As we'll learn, the Kingdom of God is God's government.

The Kingdom of God originally existed with Adam and Eve before the fall. Jesus, the LAST ADAM, reestablished the Kingdom of God in the earth. The Kingdom of God could not be established in the earth prior to Jesus in the flesh because God did not have the authority to do so through fallen man.

### **Isaiah 9:6-7**

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and **the government shall be upon His shoulder**: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

“The Government” in Hebrew = “rule, dominion.”

“Shoulder” in Hebrew = “place of burdens, bearing of burdens” which in this case is the “responsibility of rule.”

What is Jesus ruling? His government. His government is called what? The Kingdom of God.

### **Isaiah 10:27**

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his [Satan] burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

28 Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

29 Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Let's consider the context of Jesus' words. Two oxen are chosen to share a yoke. The first is an older seasoned ox. He is trained and hardy from years of routine. The second is a new young ox. He has potential but is inexperienced. By sharing the same yoke with a veteran workhorse, the elder trains the young.

Not only that, but the experienced one draws harder to bear the majority of the load. Since the older one leads, the younger ox does not have to wonder what to do. He learns from his mentor and gains the knowledge and skill to teach others.

The paraphrase? "Get in the yoke with me. Let me disciple You. I'll bear the weight of your burden. My yoke is good and you will find rest and companionship in our labor together."

### **Hebrews 4:10-11**

10 For he that is entered into His [Jesus Christ] rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

### **John 10:10**

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Who is "the thief?" Satan. Satan has one mission: to steal, to kill, and to destroy. Now, can Satan, the thief, steal, kill, or destroy anything in Heaven? No, he cannot. Where can Satan steal, kill, and destroy? Yes, in and under the earth.

Jesus came that Believers might have life and have life more abundantly. "Have life" means to receive salvation. Jesus had to come as a man, as flesh, to take the keys to hell and death from Satan and give life unto those who will believe. Where? On earth. "Life" for any Believer starts on this earth. However, Jesus said He came not to only give us eternal life when we finally reach Heaven, but He also came to give us an "ABUNDANT" life on this earth. Do we need life and abundant life in Heaven? NO! We need it here on this earth.

How do we as Believers experience or have this "abundant life?" Through operating in The Kingdom of God.

### **Matthew 6:33**

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

### **Matthew 4:17**

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

In Hebrew, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" in Matthew 4:17 reads, "Reform ye, for come nigh is the reign of the Heavens."

### **Matthew 4:23**

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

In the Hebrew, “the gospel of the kingdom” in Matthew 4:23 reads “good news of the reign.”

### **Matthew 5:3**

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

In the Hebrew, Matthew 5:3 reads, “Happy the poor in spirit—because theirs is the reign of the Heavens.”

## **WHERE IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD LOCATED?**

### **Luke 17:21**

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you.

### **I Corinthians 4:20**

For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Corollary to I Corinthians 4:20 is James 1:22 (Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.)

### **Matthew 16:13**

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.

## **1. WHY DID GOD CREATE US?**

### **Revelation 4:11**

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

**NOTE:** God created EVERYTHING for His pleasure and to receive glory, honor, and power.

### **Isaiah 43:7**

Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

**NOTE:** God created you, the Believer, for His glory. Not the unsaved, the heathen.

We must also understand that “absolute love” can’t be love if it doesn’t have an object of its affection. I John 4:8 tells us “God is love.” God can’t be love if He doesn’t have an object of His affection. This is you, the Believer.

Now, this will blow your socks off, and you may or may not be able to receive it. God had to create man to fulfill His Word that “God is love.” If He hadn’t created man, He would be a liar. But we know from Titus 1:2 that God is not a liar -that He cannot lie. Even though it repented God, at one time, that He created man, He couldn’t destroy man or else He would be a liar. Instead, God sowed Himself, as Jesus Christ, to fulfill His standard of righteousness. This is the very essence of love – sowing oneself for another. Why do you say “sowing” and not “giving” Larry? Because giving has no expectation of a return or harvest. Sowing does. When God sowed Himself, as Jesus Christ, He had an expectation of a harvest – you, me, and all other Believers are the harvest. Meditate on this if you struggle with it. The Holy Spirit will teach you. From whom do you think I received this revelation?

## **2. WHAT IS THE GLORY OF GOD?**

The “glory of God” is the beauty, the power, the love, the light, the richness, the character, the goodness, the mercy, the joy, the peace, the honor, the abundance, the compassion, the gentleness, the patience, the self-control, the faith, the meekness, the imagination, the majesty of the Almighty God, our Father.

### **Isaiah 42:8**

I am the LORD: that is My name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.

All glory belongs to God the Father, and God the Son. We have God’s glory within us as Believers. It is God’s glory – not ours. We are to shine God’s glory within us outward to all mankind. We are to reflect Christ to others – not be a reflection on Christ.

## **3. HOW DO WE GLORIFY GOD?**

### **John 14:13-15**

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

<sup>14</sup>If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

**NOTE:** Lose the mindset that it’s selfish or covetous to ask. It’s obedient to ask. It’s God’s plan for you to ask. Not to do so is hindering the Father’s glory. Why would John 14:13-14 be in God’s Word if He wasn’t interested in being glorified. It doesn’t say anywhere that “God is glorified by your works.” He’s glorified by your faith and obedience in His works.

It’s not about us. It’s about glorifying God. The real end-result of a Believer’s willingness and obedience is not what the Believer receives. That is a given. It is the glory God receives as a result of the Believer’s exchange with Christ. The Believer ask for his “whatsoever;” Jesus supplies; and God is glorified. The Believer becomes a walking testimony to God’s goodness.

**IF WE’RE NOT GLORIFYING GOD BY ASKING, IN FAITH, FOR OUR DESIRES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THEN WE ARE GLORIFYING THE WORLD, MAN’S**

## **WISDOM, OUR PROBLEMS, OUR LACK, OUR STRUGGLES, OUR SICKNESS, ETC. ARE YOU CHEATING GOD OUT OF HIS GLORY?**

### **Matthew 5:16**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**NOTE:** The Light that shines in you is Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. We are to let Christ shine through us in our thoughts, words, and deeds so that others may see us as a reflection of Christ, not a reflection on Christ. What are the good works men are supposed to see in us?

“Light” = Greek word “phos” = “phōs (a neuter noun) – properly, light (especially in terms of its results, what it manifests); in the NT, the manifestation of God's self-existent life; divine illumination to reveal and impart life, through Christ.” It is saying, “let the glory of God shine through you to all men.” How does the glory shine through you? Through asking for the “whatsoever” in the name of Christ and receiving it. The answered prayer for your desires, for your “whatsoever” fulfills hope. Hope fulfilled is

“Good” = Greek word “kalos” = “beautiful, as an outward sign of the inward good, noble, honorable character; good, worthy, honorable, noble, and seen to be so.” kalós – attractively good; good that inspires (motivates) others to embrace what is lovely (beautiful, praiseworthy); i.e. well done so as to be winsome (appealing).

“Works” = Greek word “ergon” = “an act, deed, thing done.” The greater meaning is “a good deed, noble action.” Every blessing or miracle or breakthrough you get from God is a “work,” like Jesus spoke of in Matthew 5:16. And, if you show the work(s) and you say something about it, God will be glorified through your life.

“They should glorify” = Greek word “doxazo” = “to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate.”

## **4. BUT GOD SAID YOU ARE CONSUMING UPON YOUR LUST**

### **James 4:3**

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

“**amiss**” in KJV = “wrongly” in the Greek = Greek word “kakos” = “badly, evilly, wrongly.” In this verse it translates to “**you ask improperly, or wrongly, with bad intent.**”

What is the “bad intent?” “That you may consume it upon your lusts.”

“**Ye may consume it**” in KJV = “you may spend it” in Greek = Greek word “dapanao” = “waste, squander.” Greater detail = “**in a bad sense, to waste, squander, consume: that ye may consume, waste what ye receive, in luxurious indulgence.**”

James 4:3 is a verse I struggled with and a verse used by religion and the anti-prosperity crowd to keep me in a box. I was taught, Satan led me to believe, and I wrongly accepted, with no

study of God's Word, a lie. The lie being that if we wanted things, especially extravagant things, this was consuming upon my lusts. I felt guilty, and even dirty at times, desiring extravagant things. **However, I've learned from my Father, Himself, where the desire for extravagance, for craftsmanship, for beauty, for excellence, for richness, for splendor, for opulence comes from and why. It comes from my Father who created it. Is there anything in Heaven that is not one of these adjectives and greater?** No! Why is Heaven like this? God's will. Aren't we commanded by Jesus, who is God Himself in the flesh, to pray, decree, declare that God's will is done on earth as in Heaven?

### **Matthew 6:10**

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

So, why aren't you seeing that God's will comes to pass on earth as it is in Heaven?

### **Parable of the Rich Man That Stored Up – Luke 12:15 - 21**

#### **Luke 12:15**

And He said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

#### **Luke 12:20-21**

<sup>20</sup>But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

<sup>21</sup>So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

**NOTE:** Having things is not a problem with God. Having big and luxurious things is not a problem with God. Having things with no intent of using these things to bless others, whether family, friends, acquaintances, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the spreading of and teaching of the Gospel, etc., is covetousness and sinful. Having things but not tithing to God is sinful. Notice in Luke 12:21, God tells us exactly what is meant by James 4:3 – “he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Let's understand something. How do you lay up treasure that is rich toward God? First, by obeying ALL His Word willingly. Not your opinion, your preferences, or man's wisdom. God doesn't care about any of them – only His Word. Second, by sowing cheerfully: tithing, offering, alms, firstfruits. Third, by expecting gleefully – decreeing in faith. That is being rich toward God.

### **IT'S NOT ABOUT GREED, IT'S ABOUT GLORY.**

## **5. FAILURE TO BE WILLING AND OBEDIENT TO GOD IS STEALING HIS GLORY**

#### **Isaiah 1:19**

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

**NOTE:** Jesus is saying the exact same thing in John 14:13-15. You must be willing and obedient to “ask, in Christ’s name, for the whatsoever’s.” And, Jesus said whatsoever you ask in His name, you’ll receive it. That’s eating the good of the land my Sisters and Brothers.

### **Psalm 37:3-5**

<sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

<sup>4</sup>Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

<sup>5</sup>Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

#### **Verse 3:**

“Trust” = Hebrew word “batach” = “to trust, to throw one down upon his face, to lie extended on the ground.”

**NOTE:** If one throws himself/herself on the ground upon their face, extended before someone, they are submitting themselves to that person. They are “exposed” and “vulnerable” before that person. They are trusting that person to not harm them and to promote them. They are putting themselves in the hand of the person.

“Dwell” = Hebrew word “shakan” = “to settle down, abide, dwell.”

**NOTE:** Where is the Believer going to dwell? In the Promised Land: to Israel an actual geography and to the Body of Christ – all the promises of God (II Corinthians 1:20).

“And verily thou shalt be fed” in KJV = “and feed on His faithfulness” in the Hebrew = Hebrew Word “ra’ah” = “to pasture, tend, graze on His firmness, stability, faithfulness.”

#### **Verse 4:**

“Delight thyself” = Hebrew word “anog” = “take exquisite delight.”

“Desires” = Hebrew word “mishalah” = “desires, request, petition.”

“Heart” = Hebrew word “leb” = “inner man, mind, will, heart.”

#### **Verse 5:**

“Commit” = Hebrew word “galal” = “to roll, roll away.” It means to give or trust your way to God.”

“Thy way” = Hebrew word “derek” = “way, road, distance, journey, manner.”

“He shall bring it to pass” = Hebrew word “asah” = “do, make, accomplish.”

**DON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH MONEY. FALL IN LOVE WITH WHAT MONEY CAN DO FOR OTHERS, AND DO IT.**

And, in closing, if you are so concerned about being corrupted, covetous, greedy, or the like with money, there is a SURE way to cure this. SOW MORE AND MORE. This will cure your concern.