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Promises for the Perils of a Pastor's Wife

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Promises For The Peril of Rose Colored Glasses

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (NIV) ~ Jeremiah 1:5

> "A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps." ~ Proverbs 16:9

"And the teachers *and* those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness (to uprightness and right standing with God) [shall give forth light] like the stars forever and ever." (AMP)

~ Daniel 12:3

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ... Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble."

~ 2 Peter 1:5-7,10

Promises For The Peril of Suffering

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (NIV)

~ Matthew 5:10-12

"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh."

~ 2 Corinthians 4:8-11

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified ...

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter."

~ 1 Peter 4:12-14, 16

"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

~ 1 Peter 5:8-10

Promises for the Peril of Battle Fatigue

"'When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.

So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people.

And he shall say to them, "Hear, O Israel;
Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies.

Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the LORD your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.""

~ Deuteronomy 20:1-4

"But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.

To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!"

~ 2 Timothy 4:17-18

"For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me."

~ 2 Samuel 22:40

"For You are my lamp, O LORD; The LORD shall enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His was is perfect. The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him"

~ 2 Samuel 22:29-31

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation,
that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble,
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us,
so our consolation also abounds through Christ."

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Promises for the Peril of the Wilderness

"And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

~ Isaiah 35:10

"For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me."

~ Psalm 27:5-7

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

~ Hebrews 12:1-3

"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." ~ Psalm 16:11

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love.

Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls."

~ 1 Peter 1:6-9

Promises for the Peril of Thirst

"O GOD, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name."

~ Psalm 63:1-4

"The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, their tongues fail for thirst. I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

~ Isaiah 41:17-18

"The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones;

You shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail."

~ Isaiah 58:11

"They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them;
For He who has mercy on them will lead them,
even by the springs of water He will guide them ...
Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains!
For the LORD has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted."

~ Isaiah 49:10, 13

"They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way;
They found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.
And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city for a dwelling place.
Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men!
For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness."

~ Psalm 107:4-9

"And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

He who overcomes shall inherit all things,
and I will be his God and he shall be My son.""

~ Revelation 21:6,7

Promises for the Perils of Anxiety and Fear

And David said to his son Solomon, 'Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you.

He will not leave you nor forsake you,
until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.'"

~ 1 Chronicles 28:20

"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?"

~ Psalm 56:3-4

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced;

They shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish.

You shall seek them and not find them—those who contended with you.

Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing.

For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you.""

~ Isaiah 41:10-13

"The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" ~ Psalm 118:6

"The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

~ Psalm 27:1

"'Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you.

He will not leave you nor forsake you."

~ Deuteronomy 31:6

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love."

~ 1 Corinthians 16:13,14

"'Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.'"

~ Psalm 91:14,15

Promises for the Peril of a Strained Marriage

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

~ **Ephesians 4:1-3**

"'No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me,' says the LORD."

~ Isaiah 54:17

"Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him, and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

~ Ecclesiastes 4:12

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.'

Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

~ 1 Peter 4:8-10

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

~ Philippians 4:6,7

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"

~ Hebrews 4:16

"Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

'For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry.'"

~ Hebrews 10:35-37

Promises for the Peril of the Unexpected

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."
~Isaiah 26:3

"'My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish;
neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all;
and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

I and My Father are one.""

~ John 10:27-30

"There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel [purpose]—that will stand." ~ Proverbs 19:21

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you, and you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity..."

~ Jeremiah 29:11-14a

"Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it.'
Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

~ Isaiah 30:21

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.

Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

~ Matthew 6:33-34

"Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."

~ Psalm 100:3

"My soul, wait silently for God alone,
for my expectation is from Him.
He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defense; I shall not be moved.
In God is my salvation and my glory;
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
Trust in Him at all times, you people;
Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us."

~ Psalm 62:5-8