

Launching Text: Mark 11:22....Have faith in God.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers (or imitators) of God, as dear children;

Romans 4:17 (We are to be imitators of God and God) calls those things which be not as though they were.

Preaching Text: Psalms 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Intro: In this series we have looked at Faith That Pleases God, Faith That Profits The Believer, and Faith That Plunders Our Enemy. In this message we will look at Faith That Praise God For His Blessings. Sometimes we can't clearly see our victory and when we can't we must praise God anyway by faith.

1. BY FAITH PRAISE GOD FOR VINDICATION (justification—just as if we never sinned)

Hebrews 9:11-14,28 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hand, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls & goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many (by being crucified and shedding his blood on an old rugged on an old rugged cross) and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness & their sins & iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrew 7:25 Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him (Jesus), seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them.

1. By Faith Praise God For Vindication That Redeems Us From The Curse

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us; for it is written; cursed in everyone that hangeth on a tree.

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from unrighteousness

2. By Faith Praise God For Vindication That Releases Us From Condemnation

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Ps 3:5 I laid me down & slept: I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Ps 103:11-12 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As Far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retains not His anger for ever, because He delights in mercy. He will turn again, He will have compassion on us; He will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. (And as one old preacher says---He put up a no fishing sign)

3. By Faith Praise God For Vindication That Raises Us Up In Righteousness

2-Corinthians 5:21 For He hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Ephesians 2:6 And (He, Jesus) hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

4. By Faith Praise God For Vindication That Rewards Us With The Salvation Of God

Romans 5:8-9 But God commends (or showed) His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised.

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings.

Rev 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.

2. BY FAITH PRAISE GOD FOR VISITATION (that turns into habitation)

Eph 2:11-13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope, and without God in the world; But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

John 14:23 If a man loves me (Jesus), he will keep my Words and my Father will love him and we will come and make our abode with him.

1. By Faith Praise God For Visitation For Fellowship

Rev 3:20 Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man will hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup (fellowship) with him and he with me.

2. By Faith Praise God For Visitation For Feeding

Ezekiel 34:13-15 And I (the Lord) will bring them out...I will feed them in a good pasture...I will feed my flock and cause them to lie down, says the Lord God.

3. By Faith Praise God For Visitation For Freeing

Psalms 50:15 Call upon me (the Lord) in the day of trouble; I will deliver; and thou shalt glorify me (the Lord)

4. By Faith Praise God For Visitation For Freezing

Psalms 46:10 Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms 27:14 Wait on the Lord; be of good courage; He shall strengthen thine heart; Wait I say on the Lord.

5. By Faith Praise God For Visitation For Furnishing

Luke 10:19 Behold I give you power to tread on the serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall be any means hurt (or destroy) you.

6. By Faith raise God For Visitation For Flagellation (to punish)

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loves, He chastens.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

3 . BY FAITH PRAISE GOD FOR VISION

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

1. By Faith Praise God For Vision Through Following Jesus

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light (or revelation and the vision) of life.

1. By Faith Praise God For Vision Through Righteousness

Psalms 112:4 Unto the upright there arises light (revelation or vision) in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

2. By Faith Praise God For Vision Through Fasting

Isaiah 58:8 (Because of your fasting that pleases God) Then shall thy light (revelation or vision) break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

3. By Faith Praise God For Vision Through Serving

Isaiah 58:10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light (or revelation or vision) rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:

4. By Faith Praise God For Vision Through Revelation Already Known

Psalms 36:9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see (more revelation, vision, and) light. Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light (revelation and vision) unto my path.

4. BY FAITH PRAISE GOD FOR VICTORY

Rev 12:10-11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren (Satan) is cast down, which accused them before God day and night. And they (the redeemed of God, the believers) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

1-Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. By Faith Praise God For Victory Over Satan

1-John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sins not (does not habitually practice sin), but he that is begotten of God keeps himself and that wicked one (the devil) touches him not..

2. By Faith Praise God For Victory Over Sin

Rom 6:12 Let not sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey the lust thereof.

3. By Faith Praise God For Victory Over Self

Luke 9:23 And He(Jesus) said to them all, If any man come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.

4. B Faith Praise God For Victory Over Sorrow

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless (or helpless); I will come unto you

Psalms 30:5 Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

5. By Faith Praise God For Victory Over Suffering

1-Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace who hath called you unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle you.

6. By Faith Praise God For Victory Over Shortage

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalms 84:11...no good thing will He (God) withhold from them who walk uprightly.

7. By Faith Praise God For Victory Over All Other Situations

2-Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God which always causes us to triumph in Christ and makes manifest the savor (or fragrant realization) of His knowledge by us in every place.

Closing:

Everything we have from God comes by His mercy and grace. Expedite His grace, which is His ability to get to us what we can't get on our own, by exercising FAITH in God's promises. Call it forth by FAITH and seize what God says you can have. He says we can possess all good things, so do it and do it by FAITH.