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“I Will Give It To You”

Yet have I set My king upon My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: **The LORD hath said unto Me**, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and

I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

(Psalm 2:6 – 9)

And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted by the devil. And in those days He did eat nothing; and when they were ended, He afterward hungered. And the devil said unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone, that it be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. And the devil, taking Him up into an high

mountain, showed unto Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **And the devil said unto Him**, All this power **will I give Thee**, and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever **I will give it**. If thou therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be Thine. And Jesus answered, and said unto him, Get thee behind Me, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord, thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

(Luke 4:1 – 8)

It was long ago, before the foundations of the earth had been laid and the angels shouted for joy, that God, the Father, had made promise to His Son, Jesus Christ, saying, *“Ask of Me and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.”* God’s declarative words to His Son were spoken long, long before the devil tempted Jesus by taking Him up into an high wilderness mountain and showing Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, promising, *“All this power will I give Thee, and the glory of them; for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou, therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be Thine.”*

Assuredly, the words of the Father to His Son are faithful and true words of exceeding great and precious promises. And, toward those who have been brought nigh to Him through the blood of the everlasting covenant, the thoughts of God are only thoughts of peace and not of evil. However, the words of the devil, no matter how seemingly sweet and satisfying, or legitimate and logical they may sound, are always designed for the ultimate purpose, “to steal, to kill and to destroy.” It was with cunning lies, in Eden’s garden, that the devil first slithered in and succeeded in obtaining the keys of dominion to the earth as they slipped from Adam’s hold. It is with that same deceit and subtleness that the devil approaches Jesus Christ, the Last Adam, diligently and persistently; howbeit, unsuccessfully.

The principle of the devil seeking to frustrate the promises of God in our lives plays out the same through all generations. While we are waiting on God's word to us to come to pass, it is without fail that the devil will seek to circumvent the promises and get us to fall for his shortcut by offering counterfeits and substitutes to what God has spoken. It is as if the devil says, "*Why should you wait on God?*" "*The promises can be yours, now.*" "*I will give it to you!*" At times, his words sound so softly as they weave their poison into the thoughts and mind of the unsuspecting one. At other times, the words shout with such force that one may be enticed to cast away all restraints and be driven to, "*Take the kingdom, take the kingdom, now!*"

What "the kingdom" denotes varies for each of us. But, for purposes of this article, "the kingdom" represents the fulfillment of the specific and personal promises of God in our lives. Just as God, the Father, spoke with His Son in the language of promise, so God speaks with His children, today. God cannot lie. His promises may appear to be slow in their fulfillment, but God's word will come to pass; in perfect wisdom and gracious, glorious timing.

It is with this in mind, that we will search the scriptures and learn from them of the true promises given by the Father; the false promises and substitutes offered by the devil; and, the choice that Christ Jesus made.

In the second temptation of Jesus Christ on the mount, we see the devil dangling the bait, of temptation, before the Lord. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world: the human kingdom (comprised of men, women and children); the animal kingdom (including beasts, reptiles, birds, mammals, fish); the kingdom of plants and vegetation; the kingdom of the arts and sciences; communication and media; government and military might; the kingdoms of finance, economics and commerce; fashion and romance; amusement and entertainment; rocks and minerals, gems and precious stones; and all of the many other great worldly kingdoms. No doubt, the devil showed Jesus the glamour, the glitter and the glory of the vast and far-reaching kingdoms of this world.

It was in a moment of time that the devil showed Him the kingdoms. He showed it quickly and with haste. It was with dizzying rapidness that the devil conducted his whirlwind tour. His intent, of course, was to compel Jesus Christ to rush on hastily and hurriedly in his scandalous plan. He wanted Jesus to accept his offer quickly and right then, without thought of the former and present promises of His Father; without thought of the consequences of a wrong decision, and without thought of the faithfulness of God.

Sadly, it is without question that many professing Christians of today would have taken the bait, being drunk with the lights, the lull and the lust of the devil's tour. We see this happening in multitudes that have been led up some mountain and hypnotized by the lying lyrics of the devil, marching to the drumbeat of this world. We can be certain that Satan does not show the gutter, the garbage and the grotesque conditions that come with everything that he has laid his defiling hand upon.

What is it exactly that the devil seeks to give to Jesus? Upon close inspection and examination, we see what Satan offered to give is that which was under the fall and curse of God. He sought to give that which will pass away and is, even now, passing away, through decay and corruption. He sought to give that which cannot satisfy; that which is vain and full of vexation of spirit. He sought to hand over that which was used and soiled by the stamp of sin and death. The "all this" that the devil gives is never as valuable as he would have us to believe. It is by deceit the devil has managed to maintain ground, for countless ages, with demons and men. It

is by deceit, to this present hour, that he robs countless saints and sinners of the riches that God has for those who trust and obey Him. Let us not be fooled. Satan gives “all of this,” only, if it is to his advantage, and to our disadvantage and detriment.

Regardless of the devil's designed lies, the promises of God stand true. And, to those who are willing to pay the price of faith, patience and obedience, God has promised that they will never be ashamed.

It was on our behalf, and for our example, that The Man, Christ Jesus, walked this earthly sod. Let us consider Jesus. He alone shows us how to be victorious against every scheme of the devil.

- *“And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a Name which is above every Name.”* The ways of God are so different from the ways of man. It is first in, and then out of the low place that true and external exaltation arises.
- *He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory; but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.”* Jesus Christ loved His Father perfectly. His one desire and pleasure was to do the Father's will and to give Him glory. This single and sole objective was a hedge about our Lord and kept Him, as Man, from the devil's snare.
- *“Thy word have I hidden in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”* Jesus' victory during the hour of temptation was won through “the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.” Scripture reveals numerous conversations that the Father had with His Son. It was His Father who had promised Him the kingdom. There was no need for Jesus to trust in the words of another. He stood unwaveringly upon the promises of His God
- *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”* The mind of Christ was to seek the lowly and to lift them into a position of royalty. Jesus Christ died and was buried that He might become the grain of wheat falling into the ground. He was resurrected to bring others to the exalted place of sons, heirs of God and joint heirs of Jesus Christ.
- *“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”* Spiritual things must be obtained through spiritual means. It is glory-on-top-of-glory that the Son would teach us to pray, for over two thousand years now, that the kingdom that has been promised to Him, will come. It is of God's amazing grace that He includes the Body of Christ in the fulfillment of His promises to His Beloved Son.

God's greatness and goodness has made things remarkably simple for His children. He proclaims to His own, bountiful blessings and sure promises that are easy to obtain if we will only trust, obey and wait on Him to bring them to fulfillment. God is our Father, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. He loves us. He wants us, in childlike faith, to “ask Him” and then, “trust Him” to fulfill His promises to us.

“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things unto His hand.”
(John 3:35)

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying:
“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”
(Revelation 11:15)

Scripture References:

Old Testament –

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New Testament -

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Revelation 5:10; 12:9; 20:6

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