

Receive God's Provision
Now!

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INTRODUCTION

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (Ephesians 3:20).

In Jesus’ life, it is evident that He was readily moved with compassion. We can read so many accounts of how Christ looked beyond any fault to see the need of the moment, and He was very quick to meet that need. God’s actions of unconditional love brought instant healing and deliverance.

Nothing has changed about God. He is still doing miracles for His children. We are His righteousness, and He sees us as His fair ones, without spot. He is always ready to move when we call upon Him.

The point made in this booklet is that God wants to move—now! His provisions are available—now! As believers, we must see that we need not be afraid but only believe that He is a

“very present help” in our times of trouble
(Psalm 46:1).

Chapter One
ONLY BELIEVE

“While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead, why troublest thou the Master any further?

“As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, *Be not afraid, only believe.*

“And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

“And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

“And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

“And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were

with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

“And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel (I say unto thee,) arise.

“And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

“And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat” (Mark 5:35-43).

“Be not afraid, only believe.” Consider those words carefully. Previous to this passage, a woman had been healed of an issue of blood that plagued her for twelve years. She was an outcast from her community, her church, and her husband. She touched the hem of Jesus’ garment, virtue went out of Him, and she was healed instantly.

Then, Jesus comes to a home where a twelve-year-old girl had just died. People there mocked Him when He said the damsel was only sleeping. His words to the parents? *“Be not afraid, only believe.”* The girl was raised up and they were “astonished with a great astonishment.”

Frailty Begets Fear

Many things in our lives bring fear: the fevered brow of a little baby, news that you or a loved one has cancer, word that someone has been in a serious accident. Also, there is fear that comes because we don't believe. There are many reasons in this world why people fear.

Bona fide fears are not sinful; they come because of human frailty. When fear comes upon us after we have heard bad news, that is not a sinful type of fear. It is normal because of our frailty; yet, by God's grace the fear will not last long when we learn to look to Jesus Christ. The words of Jesus are so beautiful: "Be not afraid, only believe."

The potential for God to work in His people is indescribable. We are here on earth, and every day we are faced with trauma. Some of us refuse to turn on the news because of what we may see: footage from the latest deadly fire or details of a recent crime spree. Still, the words of Jesus remain: "Be not afraid, only believe."

Let the Spirit of God minister to you. If God spared not His Son, but delivered Him up for us all, will He not also freely give us all things? (See Romans 8:32.)

Chapter Two

BEHOLD, THOU ART FAIR

“Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves’ eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

“Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

“Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

“Thy neck is like the tower of David builded from an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

“Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

“Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

“Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.

“Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions’ dens, from the mountains of the leopards” (Song of Solomon 4:1-8).

In Song of Solomon 1:5, the bride is now married to the bridegroom, which typifies the marriage of Christ to His Church. The groom calls the bride His “fair one.” Her teeth refer to the believer’s assimilation of the Word of God. The chapter also talks of the bride’s hair, which speaks of separation and covering (1 Corinthians 11). God made long hair as a sign to the angels that the woman’s soul is right before Him. The hair represents the covering that comes through obedience in the soul.

Victorious on the Mountains

Next, the bridegroom speaks of the goats on Mount Gilead (see Micah 7:14). As this flock fed selectively on Gilead, so are we to feed on the Word of God.

Song of Solomon 4:8 speaks of the bride coming to Mount Hermon, which in the Word of God is representative of Satan’s defeat and

God's victory through the manifestation of Christ's resurrection. "Amana" is referring to the integrity of doctrine, and "Shenir" points to the whole armor of God that is needed on that mountain with its lions' dens. Satan always has his lions on the prowl (Psalm 91:13).

So we have this picture of the Bride of Christ seated with Him positionally and hid in Him, but still living on this earth below while the roaring lion seeketh whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).

In Song of Solomon 4:7, Jesus describes the Bride with this beautiful statement: "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." If only we would learn to see Christ's Finished Work in every degree of life. Our sins were imputed to Him, and our old sin nature was placed upon Him, too.

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

"And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

"That no flesh should glory in his presence.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us *wisdom*, and *righteousness*, and *sanctification*, and redemption,

“That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:27-31).

Chapter Three

**WE ARE HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS NOW**

Think about what Jesus says about us. In our souls, we have been made the righteousness of God. There is no spot in us. “The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold” (Psalm 45:13). Our name is, as Jeremiah proclaimed Israel’s to be, “THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS” (see Jeremiah 23:6; Jeremiah 33:16). We have an old sin nature that brings times of struggle. But, thank God, we have been made the righteousness of God.

In 1 Corinthians 1:30, “wisdom” refers to the application of the Finished Work; “righteousness” is imputed to us at Calvary when we believe; and “sanctification” speaks of our being set apart forever by Christ’s once-and-for-all sacrifice (Hebrews 10:10).

Every morning when we wake up and perform our daily duties, we *are* the righteousness

of God. It doesn't matter how badly we may feel about ourselves or how many mistakes we make—we are the righteousness of God.

“Now then, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me” (Romans 7:17).

“Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me” (Romans 7:20).

It is no longer “I” who sin, but it is the sin that dwells in me. It is no more I, because I am “in Lebanon” with Christ; I am seated in heavenly places with Him. I am in Amana, living in the integrity of the truth in the Finished Work. God has given me Shenir; I have His almighty armor—all of it—to protect me in the places where there are lions and serpents (speaking of demons attacking us).

It is crucial that we understand these facts. We must realize that we are the righteousness and wisdom of God, and there are things He wants to do for us *now*.

“Hear me *now* therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth” (Proverbs 5:7). “I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people” (Psalm 116:14). This speaks of being present at church in time to worship and to sing with the

singers, to pray with those who are praying, and to edify other believers. That is what “now” refers to here.

This is what Jesus says to us: “Realize this: If you die, I am right now the resurrection and the life: and he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never, ever die. I want you to know that I take the soul out of the body and take you straight to heaven. I do it *now*. I don’t wait until the resurrection of the body; I do it right away.”

This Is the Accepted Time

When we get saved, there is therefore *now* no condemnation (Romans 8:1). “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: Behold, now is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).

Jesus wants us to know that He loves us *now*. He wants to help us *now*. We don’t have to fear *now*. Simply believe Him *now*. He is present to deliver *now* (Jeremiah 1:8).

“I want you to know that I am filled with compassion and love for you now,” Christ says to us. “*Today* is My day, and I want to deliver you now.”

“Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity” (Psalm 118:25).

The psalmist wanted something to happen now. We can ask God for things now. He will providentially reverse any situation now.

You can pray with confidence: “Lord, you have been doing things for others. I am your child, I want something to happen now. I don’t mean to sound offensive, but I need a deliverance now. God, You said, ‘Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.’ So please, Father, do it now.”

Chapter Four

LIVING IN EXPECTATION

There is no spot in us. Not only were our sins imputed to Jesus Christ, but He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). Now when I sin, it is no longer I, because my sin was imputed to Jesus Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:20).

As Christians, we must realize that we are walking in the light of divine power, divine resurrection, divine love, and divine expectation. In Mark 5, Jesus said to the damsel's parents, "I know your daughter is dead—but don't be afraid; only believe."

Power belongs to God, our expectation must be from Him (Psalm 62:5). We must go to God, even when we haven't been feeling well. Go to Him and say, "God, You are going to have to do it again. You are going to have to do it now. You

are going to bring the blessing now—I am going to let You do it now!”

Now is our day of deliverance. *Now* is our day of healing. *Now* is a day to be touched by God! One of the great things we see in the Bible is how over and over again when He was on earth, Jesus wanted to help people right away. He is waiting to be gracious to us (Isaiah 30:18).

He Has Overcome the Wicked One

Don't be afraid of the pain or of the projections that might come against you. Don't be afraid in the times when Satan attacks. Jesus Christ is inside you to love you. Be not afraid—only believe.

Perhaps you are thinking, “But He hasn't done it in the past.” Be not afraid. Get to know the Christ of the Resurrection now. This is the Christ whom Satan despises and fears desperately, because Satan is defeated, and he knows it.

In Song of Solomon 5, the Bride has reached the Resurrection side of life. She sees herself as seated in heavenly places. She is hid with Christ in God. Understanding that, she has amazing privileges and opportunities. We have these same privileges and opportunities now.

“But now being made free from sin, and be-

come servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Romans 6:22).

Now we have the righteousness of God; now we have been delivered from the Law. The God of peace wants to give us joy now, through believing (Romans 15:13). God wants us to have the joy now, the love now, the happiness now.

We have not received the spirit of this world. We have received the Spirit of God, and we have Him now (1 Corinthians 2:12). Right now, we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).

CONCLUSION

“But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:6-9).

The Word is near to us right now; it is even in our heart, the word of faith. We can confess it right now. God loves our confession of faith. He loves when we confess His favor and His love toward us. He loves to hear us confess our trust in Him publicly, in front of the demons that are trying to infect us. God loves to watch divine

confessions of His nature and character.

Let's not accept exhaustion and tiredness so easily. We can be built up in the energy and power of divine expectation. Our mortal bodies can be quickened. We can put our shoulders back, take a deep breath, and believe God by faith. Let's have an expectation with faith to receive results right now. Now we are members in particular (1 Corinthians 12:27). We are alive in Him *right now*!

Let's pray for each other now in the dynamic life of fellowshiping with a Person who has been raised from the dead, a Person who has ascended into heaven, a Person who has defeated every foe. Everything Satan brought against the throne of God, Jesus overcame. Now, He overcomes everything that comes against us.

Now is the moment for healing. The love of God is new right now and every moment. Let the spiritual law of resurrection work in you now. Believe and receive a touch from God—now. Receive it with all of your heart. “Now is the day, now is the accepted time,” God is telling us. “I have heard thee—I want to do something now. Let Me love you, touch you, and heal you. Let Me manifest it *now*.”