# RICHES AND TREASURES UNCLAIMED

## 2 Peter 1:3-4:

- <sup>3</sup> According as His Divine Power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- <sup>4</sup> Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.





The great question which determines the success or failure of every Christians life is: "What kind of God do you have?"

The man having a far, distant, indifferent, little God, has a limited experience.

# How great is your God?

The Bible says:

Ephesians 3:20: 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.

He proves the greatness of His Name by the greatness of His Power.

# Look!

# 1. The ball of fire over the Tabernacle

Numbers 9:15: And on the day that the Tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the Tabernacle, namely, the tent of the Testimony: and at even there was upon the Tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

# 2. The pillar of fire and cloud

Numbers 9:16: So it was alway: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

# 3. The fire on Mt. Sinai

Exodus 19:18: And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.



# 4. The writings of Commandments with His Finger on stone

Exodus 31:18: And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two Tables of Testimony, tables of stone, written with the Finger of God.

#### 5. Miracle of manna

Exodus 16:15: And when the Children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

### 6. Water out of rock

Nehemiah 9:15: And gavest them bread from Heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which Thou hadst sworn to give them.

# 7. The plagues of Egypt (to show His power to Pharaoh) *Exodus* 9:13-14:

<sup>13</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let My People go, that they may serve Me.

<sup>14</sup> For I will at this time send all My plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like Me in all the earth.



# 8. Clothes and shoes did not become old

Deuteronomy 29:3-5:

- <sup>3</sup> The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:
- <sup>4</sup> Yet the Lord hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.
- <sup>5</sup> And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.
- 9. Taking away language of men and giving them foreign ones at Babel Genesis 11:9: Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

## 10. Water stood firm as frozen

Joshua 3:5: And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

Joshua 3:13: And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the Priests that bear the Ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.



#### Joshua 3:16-17:

- <sup>16</sup> That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.
- <sup>17</sup> And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

Joshua 4:18: And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

#### 11. Walls of Jericho fall down flat



Joshua 6:20: So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

# 12. Burning bush

Acts 7:30: And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

#### 13. Dew on a Fleece

Judges 6:37: Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that Thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as Thou hast said.

## 14. Hebrew children in fiery furnace

Daniel 3:20-25:



- <sup>20</sup> And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.
- <sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

- <sup>22</sup> Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- <sup>23</sup> And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
- <sup>24</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the

fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.



#### 15. Daniel in the lions' den — cannot be eaten

# Daniel 6:16-22:

- <sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God Whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee.
- And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.
- <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.
- <sup>19</sup> Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.
- <sup>20</sup> And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the Living God, is thy God, Whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?
- <sup>21</sup> Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

<sup>22</sup> My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.





## Jonah 1:15-17:

- <sup>15</sup> So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
- <sup>16</sup> Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.
- <sup>17</sup> Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

# Jonah 2:1-2:



- <sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
- <sup>2</sup> And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and Thou heardest my voice.

Jonah 2:10: And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

### 17. God made Eve out of a rib of man

Genesis 2:21-22:

- <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;
- <sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

# 18. God supplies quail

Numbers 11:21, 23:

- <sup>21</sup> And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and Thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.
- <sup>23</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether My word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

Numbers: 11:31-34:

- <sup>31</sup> And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits high upon the face of the earth.
- <sup>32</sup> And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.
- <sup>33</sup> And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.
- <sup>34</sup> And he called the name of that place Kibrothhattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted.

All these great acts were done based upon faith and trust in the exceeding great and precious promises of God.

The Apostle Peter encourages us to stand on these promises of the Lord God Almighty, for He will make them good. Peter knew the power of Christ, which caused him to walk on water; to preach in foreign languages; to raise the crippled man at the Gate Beautiful, and allowed his very shadow to heal hundreds All these great acts were done based upon faith and trust in the exceeding great and precious promises of God.

of sick. So Brother Peter tells us these promises are exceeding great and precious.

And Brother Paul said, as recorded in **Philippians 4:19**:

My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Jesus said, as recorded in **John 16:24b**:

Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. For everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

Though many build their faith based upon impressions of what they see God do for others, God wants you to build your faith upon His precious Word. Yes, He wants you to see miracles done for others; but even more, He wants to do them for *you*.

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Malachi 3:10: Prove Me now, saith the Lord.

Give Me a chance to glorify Myself on your behalf!

Romans 10:17: Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

2 Peter 1:4: That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.

Revelation 2:17b: To him that overcometh will I give a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it.

Beloved, God's promises are to us yea and amen in Christ Jesus. When we think of the greatness of our God and the greatness of transforming power or the Blood of Christ, our joys seem to tower until lost in the fullness of Christ, the Author of their fulfillment. We have a foundation that standeth sure:

2 Timothy 2:19: Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the Name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Peter 1:3: According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue:



In the world's historic morning, Abraham looms on the horizon of a dark age of apostasy as a Gibraltar of faith in the exceeding great promises of God, and thereby writes for himself an imperishable Name — the Friend of God.

Abraham's God was great enough to enable him to lay his son on an altar to slay, believing God has the power to put his head

back on again! Before this, he had believed God was big enough to cause him to give up his home, country, and earthly prospects to go forth by this new Leadership into a land not hitherto known to him. He believed God for a miracle birth of Isaac. He staggered not at the promises thru unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. We will remember that wonderful promise,

Jeremiah 33:3: Call on Me and I will show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.

## Psalms 34:17-19:

- <sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- <sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Psalms 34:22: The LORD redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

James 1:12: Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

We are as safe under the covering of the Blood of our Lord Jesus as though we were walking down the sweet streets of Glory.

Many Christians are forever blaming the devil when they are tempted. Thank God

he hasn't got you! God has promised to keep you in the hour of temptation:

1 Corinthiasn10:13: There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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Isaiah 41:10: Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help

# thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My Righteousness.

Listen to Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the new Temple:

# 1 Kings 8:23-25:

<sup>23</sup> And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart:

<sup>24</sup> Who hast kept with Thy servant David my father that Thou promisedst him: Thou spakest also with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day.

25 Therefore now, Lord God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that
Thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in My sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as thou

Psalms 84:11: For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly

Isaiah 59:19: So shall they fear the Name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

# Psalms 147:4-6:

hast walked before Me.

- <sup>4</sup> He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord lifteth up the meek: He casteth the wicked down to the ground.



# 2 Samuel 22:30: For by Thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

I believe that God can keep and help any kind of a man: red, brown, black or yellow . . . but surely not a "blue" [dead] man!



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