NEW TREASURES

Storing up the promises of God in your heart

BY JOAN ROYER

NEW TREASURES

Storing up the promises of God in your heart

Introduction

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." (Matthew 13:52)

I am the house. The Bible is the storeroom of God's treasures. Every time I put a scripture from the Bible inside of me, in my heart, I "store up treasure" there which can be accessed whenever the Holy Spirit brings it to my remembrance.

Every promise that | give you is part of the "kingdom of heaven." Each one is a new treasure to the owner of a house. | want you to write in this book the "promises of God" which | give you day by day and store these up in the storehouse that is inside of you - your heart.

(Scriptures are from the NIV Bible or the NLT Bible unless indicated otherwise)

NEW TREASURES

Storing up the promises of God in your heart

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

There is a way into the kingdom of heaven and that way is through Jesus. He is the ONLY way. The Bible says to "enter through the narrow gate" in Matthew 7:13-14. This is a wonderful treasure for us who live on this earth – that there IS a way to go to the Father in heaven, and that way is through Jesus.

Another wonderful treasure is this: that there IS truth to be found about life and why we are on this earth as human beings. That truth is found only in Jesus and in the Word of God, the Bible. But truth does exist, and it can be found. What a treasure! For years in my life I searched for truth – the truth about who I was, why I was here on earth, and what was my purpose here. And I found that truth in Jesus and in His Word, the Bible.

And there is life, real life, that can be found only in Jesus. We can begin that true life when we accept Jesus into our lives and make him Savior and Lord of our lives.

Tell them, My daughter, who | am and why | came to earth in human form. | want all who want to know Me to learn who | am, why | came to earth, what | did, and how to become part of My forever family.

HOW TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR

Material taken from:

STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD Billy Graham

Step 1 - GOD'S PURPOSE: PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

God loves you, and He wants you to live in peace with Him and to receive eternal life. Since God planned for us to be at peace with Him and to have eternal life, why are many people not enjoying this experience?

The Bible says...

- "...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)
- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16 NKJV)
- "...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23b)

Step 2 - OUR PROBLEM: SIN AND SEPARATION

God did not make us robots to mindlessly love and obey Him. Instead He gave us a will and freedom of choice. But, like Adam, we often choose to disobey God and go our own selfish ways (read Genesis chapters 2-3). This side of our nature is called sin, and it separates us from God. Our sin separates us from God.

The Bible says...

- "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...the wages of sin is death." (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
- "So [after Adam sinned] the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden." (Genesis 3:23a)
- "But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

Step 3 - GOD'S REMEDY: THE CROSS

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem of separation from God. He died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay the penalty for our sin--completely bridging the gap between us and God. God has provided the only way...and we must make the choice...

The Bible says...

• "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

- "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)
- "...God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together..." (1 Timothy 2:5 TLB)
- "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word [Jesus] and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24)

Step 4 - OUR RESPONSE: RECEIVE CHRIST

We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe in His message and trust in Him alone to save us.

The Bible says...

- "All the prophets testify about Him that every one who believes in Him [Jesus Christ] receives forgiveness of sins through His name." (Acts 10:43)
- "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)
- "[Jesus said] Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." (John 14:1)

HOW TO RECEIVE CHIRST

- 1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
- 2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
- 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
- 4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Receive Him as your Savior).

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am sinful and I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my sin nature and follow You instead. I invite You to come into my heart and life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD'S ASSURANCE: HIS WORD

If you sincerely prayed this prayer and asked Jesus Christ to come into your life, do you know what He has given you?

YOUR NEW LIFE

When you receive Christ, you are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, who indwells every believer...this is called regeneration or "new birth." God bless you as you begin your wonderful new life in Christ.

The Bible says...

- "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)
- "Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)
- "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:12-13 NKJV)
- "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have PEACE WITH GOD through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

WHAT TO DO NOW

If you have just prayed to receive Jesus as your Savior, tell someone about it. Find a Bible believing church or study group and fellowship with them. Get a Bible and read it daily. Pray each day and seek Jesus to guide you in your new life.

You can get free literature to help you grow in your new relationship with God by contacting:

Write: ATS, PO Box 462008, Garland, TX 75046-2008 Call toll free: 1-866-782-7927 Online: www.lchooseJesus.com

NEW TREASURES

Storing up the promises of God in your heart

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:6)

Lord, you promise me in this scripture that the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, will teach me all things and will remind me of everything You have said to me. What a wonderful, marvelous treasure this promise is! Thank You for this promise! And You say You will send the Holy Spirit to me in the name of Jesus. Do it, Lord! Send me the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Every day of my life keep reminding me of everything You have said to me through Your Holy Spirit. Fill me with more and more of Your Holy Spirit - day after day, year after year of my life.

My promise from the Lord

I will, My daughter. Keep seeking Me and you will keep finding Me. Keep asking for Me each day, and I will come to you. Since you belong to Me, My Spirit resides within you and will teach you and talk to you and send you ideas for righteous living every day of your life. I will never leave you nor forsake you as that is My promise to you, and I never break a promise.

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Moses said to the Lord, "If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you." The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:13-14) Lord, teach me Your ways so I may know you. You said in John 17:3 that the way to have eternal life is to know you. I want to know You more, Lord. And I desire that Your Presence will go with me at all times, and that You will give me rest. In this scripture You give me Your promise of this, so I thank You for this promise, this treasure. I store it in my heart as a treasure from You.

My promise from the Lord

My ways are disclosed in My Word, the Bible. Study My Word each day of your life and | will gradually disclose Myself to you day after day. It is a process and takes time, but | have given you time to do that, so use that time wisely. Spend time with Me. | want to be near you. | want to be close to you. | want to have a relationship with you and share your life together.

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Lord, this is one of the earliest scriptures You taught me, and it has so much meaning in my life! Thank You for this Godly verse! Thank You that YOU will teach me and direct my path through life. I acknowledge You in ALL my ways. I choose Your understanding regarding my ways instead of my thinking. I trust You, Lord, with all my heart. Where I do not trust You, please change me so I do trust You.

My promise from the Lord

I want you to know this is very important, My daughter. Lean not on your OWN understanding. Instead look to Me to teach you MY understanding of all situations. Then you will have true wisdom and correct understanding.

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. (Matthew 13:11-12)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man, except the man's spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. (1 Corinthians 2:10-12)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

This is what the Lord says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's." (2 Chronicles 20:15)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6 KJV)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The Lord is my light and my salvation – so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger; so why should I tremble? (Psalm 27:1)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:4-5)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)

I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. (Psalm 34:4)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Those who look to him are radiant, their faces are never covered with shame. (Psalm 34:5)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. (Psalm 34:7)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. (Psalm 55:22)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. (Psalm 91:2)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. (Psalm 91:3-5)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the Lord, who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:9-11)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." (Psalm 92:12-15)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever. (Psalm 100:4-5)

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:2-5)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:11-12)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble. (Psalm 119:165)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. (Psalm 121:3-4)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:7-8)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. (Proverbs 4:18)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. (Proverbs 8:34-35)

You are my refuge and my shield; your word is my source of hope. (Psalm 119:114)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee. (Isaiah 26:3 KJV)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength." (Isaiah 30:15)

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:2-3)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Isaiah 46:4)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." (Isaiah 48:17)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about any thing you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:19-20)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:18)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. (Luke 11:9-10)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and will come and make our home with each of them." (John 14:23)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative – that is, the Holy Spirit – he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. (John 14:26)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. (John 14:27)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" – but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit... We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. (1 Corinthians 2:9, 12)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The man without the Spirt does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned... But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:14, 16)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. (1 Peter 3:12)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and will find grace to help us when we need it most. (Hebrews 4:6)

Write your own promise from the Lord here

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

(This is a copy of a portion of my book called CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD, BOOK 3 regarding treasures:)

~40~

THINGSWETREASURE

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19 KJV)

That is the verse I was given as a child to speak in the Christmas drama at our church. Each year we did a drama about the birth of Christ. This particular year each child stood at a microphone and spoke by memory the line given to him/her. Ever since then that verse has remained in my memory.

As an adult I now believe the Lord guided that situation so I would be given that special verse to learn. Why? Because that is the kind of person I am. That is the kind of person He made me to be. I am one who likes to treasure things up in my heart and ponder them.

Today the Lord brought back that verse to me to ponder. Then I realized He wanted me to study about the things we "treasure" in our hearts, and ponder, and think about.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19 NIV)

You treasure My words, Joan, and so | give them to you day after day. Those who wrote for Me in the New Testament also treasured My words - John, Mark, Matthew, Luke, Paul, James, Jude and Peter.

Look up the word treasure.

Those who treasure My words, treasure Me.

REGARDING TREASURES

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21) My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)

REGARDING PONDERING

All mankind will fear; they will proclaim the works of God and ponder what he has done. (Psalm 64:9

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. (Psalm 8:3-5)

Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord. (Psalm 107:43)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom...I will meditate on your wonderful works. (Psalm 145:3, 5)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

Store up for yourself treasures, Joan. What treasures? All that | am. | am all the treasures you need, so place Me in your heart and ponder the wonders | am. | am all you will ever need.

In Me are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. So, when you want wisdom and knowledge, come to Me. When you want the answers to your questions about life, come to Me.

am your treasure that you are to ponder.