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Post #5: God Will Help You

THE SAME GOD WHO CREATED YOU HAS PROMISED THAT HE *WILL* HELP YOU WHEN YOU NEED HELP. ARE YOU RECEIVING HELP FROM YOUR LOVING FATHER?

This teaching contains an explanation of promises from God that will give you specific help with *many* problems that you may face. All Scripture references in this teaching are from *The Amplified Bible*.

The Scripture references that we will study here have encouraged me many times when I faced difficult problems. "...we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]..." (Hebrews 13:6)

Your Father does not want you to be overcome by problems that seem to be insurmountable to your limited human abilities and understanding. These problems are *not* difficult for Him to solve. "...Jesus looked at them and said, With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God." (Matthew 19:26)

These words that Jesus spoke to His disciples many years ago also are His instructions to you today. Open your mouth and boldly say, "The Lord is my Helper. I will not be afraid." Repeat these words often. If you meditate consistently on the magnificent instructions and promises from God in this teaching, you will become more and more certain that your Father will help you.

Little children stay close to their parents when they face difficult problems. Your loving Father has instructed you to stay close to Him. "...we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning." (Hebrews 4:16)

You will not be afraid if you have a close and intimate relationship with God. You will trust your Father completely because you will know how gracious, merciful and loving He is. If you have failed in any area, confess your failures to God. He will be merciful to you (Hebrews 4:16). Your Father will help you with *every* need. His timing is perfect. The amplification in this verse says that He will help you "just when you need it."

The Bible tells you exactly what God requires for Him to help you and to protect you. "You who [reverently] fear the Lord, trust in and lean on the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield." (Psalm 115:11)

Do you “reverently fear the Lord?” Do you hold Him in absolute awe? Is He the center of your life? Does everything in your life revolve around Him? “...in Him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28)

Your Father will help you to the exact degree that you have deep and unwavering faith that He will do exactly what he promises to do. “God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (I Corinthians 1:9)

You can be certain the same God who created heaven and earth and every person in heaven and on earth will help you. This great spiritual truth is mind-boggling. With hundreds of millions of people in the world, God is willing to help *you* when you face adversity.

Receiving help from God is not automatic. If receiving God's help was automatic, every Christian who faces adversity automatically would receive help from God. Trust your Father completely. Have absolute faith that He always does what He promises to do.

The following verse of Scripture refers to Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry. “...because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering].” (Hebrews 2:18)

Please note the words “in His humanity” in this verse. Jesus did *not* live His life on earth as the Son of God. Jesus Christ came to earth as a human being. He lived as the Son of man (Luke 9:55). Jesus chose to live His life on earth with the same limitations that you have. He often was “tempted, tested and tried” just as you often will be.

Jesus completely understands what you are going through. He wants to help you. He will help you to the degree that you meditate consistently on these promises about God and Jesus helping you and to the degree that you believe wholeheartedly that God and Jesus will help you.

If these teachings have helped you, please tell others about them. I want to serve God by helping as many people as I can.