

1 Kings 8:56

Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

Here's a tough question for some of you that may be struggling right now.

Do you feel like God has not kept His promise(s) to you?

If you feel that He hasn't, then ask yourself, "*What promise He has broken to you?*"

Now a tougher question to ask yourself is, was it really His promise to you, or was your request trying to force God to do what you wanted Him to do?

Unfortunately, we sometimes get disappointed in God because we don't feel like He has kept His promise to us. But actually we should be disappointed in ourselves for trying to force promises on God that He never said He would do.

We are out of money or in need of something, so we stand on the promise of God when we read: ***And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19***

But rent day has come and gone, and no money.

Bills are piled up and no money.

You only have bread and peanut butter, but nothing else to eat, and there's no money to buy anything else.

Some guy is knocking on your door wanting to repossess your car, and you have no money.

Your kid is sick and you don't have insurance so you can take him or her to the doctor.

You can add what your disappointment in God is here, and how you think He has let you down _____

So, has God really let you down? Let's look at the verse we always quote when we are in need and see if He really has let us down, or are we just twisting His word a little.

‡ ***And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.***

I think one thing we pull from this verse as far as financial is ***His riches***

When we read this we think of how much money, gold, diamonds, a cattle on a thousand hills, etc... that God has. But we have taken what God uses as building material and turned it into what we call treasure.

‡ **Revelation 21:21** *The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one*

pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Gold as asphalt, and gates made of pearl we call riches.

Would you ask God for asphalt to pay for your bills, or would you ask him for wood or iron to pay a doctor?

No, those are building materials, stuff that you can find at any local dump, because it has no financial value. But if we add the next two words that we miss in this verse, riches refer to: ***His riches in glory.*** His glory is not asphalt or building material for a gate, his glory is in ***Christ Jesus.***

So am I saying God will not help you financially? No, not at all. What I am saying is, don't get disappointed with God when you don't see things happen right away, or even more so, your way.

We quote this verse so many times:

† ***Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."***

Yet God does not answer in our way, therefore we say that God has let us down, or we even think sometimes that He doesn't love us or care about us. But that's the farthest thing from the truth, His word says:

† ***Psalms 40:5 Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.***

† ***Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

It may be time to change your mindset more to: ***No one is holy like the LORD, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. 1 Samuel 2:2-3***

And one final word of encouragement as you realize that God has not let you down, and that He has a far better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

† ***Psalms 27:14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!***