

## PRAYING GOD'S PROMISES (#4)

### **John 15:7-8**

**7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. **8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Lord Jesus, I want you and Your Word to remain in me forever because my goal is to bring glory to Your Father and You. The only part of this promise I can supply is the desire to follow You. Thank You for holding onto me and for teaching me through Your Spirit. Thank You also for repeating this marvelous promise that goes beyond my human ability to grasp. Teach me to ask for nothing except for that which is Your divine will.

### **John 15:16**

**16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

Lord Jesus, it is obvious to me that You want to bless me beyond anything I have experienced so far, because You keep repeating this promise. I truly want to bear lasting fruit for my Father's glory. Thank You for reminding me that I am Yours because of Your choice. I could never have come into Your presence unless you chose me first. Now I want to mature to be what You chose me to be.

### **John 15:18-20**

**18** "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. **19** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. **20** Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also."

Lord Jesus, the promise of upcoming persecutions is not something I would have asked You for. Thank You for warning me beforehand because I can see them on the horizon. Empower me to stand against this politically correct world no matter what the personal cost may be. I have no strength on my own to face the opposition that You faced. You are my hope and my strength!

### **John 16:7**

**7** But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Lord Jesus, thank You for sending your Holy Spirit to live within me. Everything You do is for my benefit. Help me to live like I believe that Truth.

### **John 16:12-15**

**12** "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. **15** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Lord Jesus, this is one of my favorite promises because it took me so many years to grasp it. That's because I did not understand that Your Spirit could teach me only what I am ready to comprehend. Take what I have yielded to you and use that as my foundation for higher learning. I truly desire to bring glory to You by allowing You to teach me concepts that have, thus far, been hidden. There is no limit to the joy and peace available to me through Your Word and Your Spirit.

### **John 16:22-24**

**22** So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. **23** In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. **24** Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Lord Jesus, I know that the best is yet to come. I know that everything is available in Your Name so I seek Your face. Come down to me when I feel unworthy to come up to You. I truly want my joy to be complete and my fears to be removed. Teach me to come boldly before Your throne.

### **John 16:33**

**33** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Lord Jesus, thank You once again for warning me of coming trials. Empower me to preach this Truth to my listeners. I know they would rather hear about your blessings, but the promise that You have overcome this Satan-controlled world may be the biggest blessing of all. I rest in the peace you provide.

### **John 17:24**

**24** "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world."

Lord Jesus, thank you for praying for me. You desire for me to spend eternity with You so that I can see Your glory. How can I thank You enough for paying the full price for me to live forever in Your presence? I recommit my desire to praise You daily for Your unspeakable gift.

### **John 18:36-38a**

**36** Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

**37** "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

**38** "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching me about Your Heavenly kingdom. Remind me often that I am a citizen of Heaven where I will be with You forever. I have a burning desire to know the Truth that will set me free from the cares of this world. Teach me Your Word so that I can live a life worthy of Your calling.