

DON'T TURN BACK BY TRUSTING IN YOUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Message on Guarding Your Blessings and Walking in Obedience

1. The Reality of Spiritual Warfare

The Christian life is a spiritual battle. The Bible clearly warns us that our adversary, the devil, is actively seeking to destroy God's people.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."
1 Peter 5:8, NIV

Satan is constantly seeking to derail believers not merely through temptation, but by using subtle strategies to rob them of their blessings, disrupt their destiny, and cause them to fall out of alignment with God's will.

2. Satan's Strategy: Not Always Witchcraft, But Separation from God

Contrary to popular belief, Satan doesn't always use witches or sorcery to steal our blessings. Many waste time rebuking external

enemies while overlooking the real battleground: our obedience and intimacy with God.

"There is no divination against Jacob, no evil omens against Israel."

Numbers 23:23, NIV

God's promises to His people are secure. No curse or spell can cancel what God has declared. However, Satan can cause you to forfeit your blessings not by overpowering God, but by seducing you away from Him.

When believers fall into sin or pride, trusting in their own righteousness instead of daily surrendering to God, they step outside the realm of God's protective favor. It's in that vulnerable state that the enemy gains access.

3. God Can Revoke Promises When We Turn Back

Yes, God can cancel promises made to an individual if they abandon the path of righteousness. His blessings are conditional

on continued obedience.

"If I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his injustice that he has done he shall die."

Ezekiel 33:13, ESV

This passage makes it clear: past righteousness does not guarantee future favor. If we begin to trust in our history with God while living in sin today, we disqualify ourselves from receiving what was once promised.

4. Revoked Blessings

a. King Saul

Saul was chosen and anointed by God to be king (1 Samuel 10:1). Yet, due to his disobedience, God rejected him.

"Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has

rejected you as king.”

1 Samuel 15:23, NIV

The kingdom, which was promised to Saul and his lineage, was taken away and given to David.

b. The Israelites in the Wilderness

God promised to bring the Israelites into the Promised Land (Exodus 3:17), yet because of their rebellion and unbelief, an entire generation perished in the wilderness.

“Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.”

Numbers 14:30, NIV

5. The Real Danger: Spiritual Complacency

When we start relying on our past faithfulness, rather than actively walking in obedience today, we give Satan room to work.

The enemy's goal is not always to curse us but to cool our passion, cause us to compromise, and gradually draw us away from God.

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"

1 Corinthians 10:12, NIV

6. A Call to Genuine Repentance and Restoration

Even if you've fallen or forfeited a promise, hope is not lost. God, in His mercy, allows restoration for those who genuinely repent and return to Him.

"But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live; they will not die."

Ezekiel 18:21, NIV

"None of the offenses they have committed will be remembered against them."

Ezekiel 33:16, NIV

Repentance must be genuine not just seeking blessings, but seeking to be reconciled with a holy God. That includes:

- Turning away from sinful behavior (Acts 3:19)
- Making restitution where possible (Luke 19:8-9)
- Walking in humility and holiness (Micah 6:8)

7. Baptism: The Next Step After Repentance

Jesus made it clear that baptism is a necessary response to saving faith.

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Mark 16:16, ESV

Biblical baptism is done by full immersion in water (Acts 8:38-39) and in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38), signifying death to sin and new life in Christ.

8. The Role of the Holy Spirit in Restoration

When you return to God, He not only forgives you are given the Holy Spirit, who leads you into all truth (John 16:13) and restores what was lost.

“I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten...”
Joel 2:25, NIV

The Spirit will help you walk in obedience, and in due time, you will begin to see God's promises unfold again in your life.

9. You Don't Need a Prophet You Need a Relationship

You don't need someone to lay hands on you or shout declarations over your life. What you truly need is to repair your

relationship with God. Once that is restored, the blessings and promises will follow.

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:33, ESV

Keep Walking in Obedience

Never assume a promise from God is automatic. The fulfillment of His word is conditional on continued faithfulness.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

John 15:7, NIV

If you've gone astray, return today. Repent, be baptized, walk in holiness, and let the Spirit guide you. Your crown can still be restored.

“Let no one take your crown.”

Revelation 3:11, NKJV

May the Lord bless you and keep you in His truth.

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