

*Something Good Is
Going to Happen to You*

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INTRODUCTION

Just what are you expecting from God?

Perhaps you are a Christian, and you are going through a trial. You serve the living God. He has made you in His image, and His thoughts toward you are of peace, and not of evil. Therefore, He desires to give you hope for your final outcome (Jeremiah 29:11, Amplified translation).

Are these the thoughts you are thinking? Or, is your expectation one of defeat? Are difficulties and circumstances keeping you from seeing what God wants to do in your life?

The God we serve has a great plan, and He wants to bring good things into our lives. When our expectation is from Him, we will not be disappointed. If we will rejoice in the Planner, we can also rejoice in His plan. Let's allow the words to this old chorus be the focus of our expectation:

*Something good is going to happen to you!
Happen to you, this very day.
Something good is going to happen to you:
Jesus of Nazareth is passing your way.**

God wants to bless us and help us today. He is our help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1). The Bible is filled with promises of blessings for the believer, so take this message personally. Believe that something good is going to happen to *you!*

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Chapter One
DEALING WITH WOUNDS,
BRUISES, AND
PUTRIFYING SORES

“From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment” (Isaiah 1:6).

“The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit, who can bear?” (Proverbs 18:14).

There are many reasons why some individuals do not have good expectations for the future. Often, a negative outlook is the result of having a wounded spirit. So much may have happened at different places and times of their lives to cause deep wounds. Because of those wounds, many people become deeply troubled emotionally and mentally.

To those who are struggling with a wounded spirit, God wants you to trust Him. Something good, something everlasting, is going to happen to you as you receive and believe the Word of God.

Many others are battling a spirit of fear, which can also paralyze their expectations for the future. A spirit of fear represents something that has never been cleared out of the soul 'complex'. Think of a complex as a house with many rooms in which to reside or hide. Fear lingers in these rooms of the soul, persuading people that something good will *not* happen to them and that their problems will not change.

God has not given us the spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). He wants to drive away the spirit of fear. He wants you to know that something good is going to happen.

Another problem that can hinder our capacity to expect something good from God is cosmic loneliness.* Beyond the loneliness a person suffers due to separation from loved ones, cosmic loneliness is stimulated by the demonic atmosphere and is marked by an inordinate awareness of ones frailties and vulnerability. Cosmic loneliness can paralyze the ability to

function in day-to-day routines. People who suffer from it may have difficulty receiving and comprehending preaching from the Word of God—words that were sent to be a provision for their deliverance.

Thank God that He is the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3). At a recent service, several people raised their hands for prayer to be delivered from the undefined oppression that comes with cosmic loneliness. That night, they were gloriously touched. Something good happened to those who were lonely.

Sometimes, disease hinders our expectation from God. Perhaps you are battling some form of cancer. You may be very ill, and you have a great desire to be healed. Something good is going to happen to you. Evoke the law of faith by accepting the royal law of love in expectation of God's promises. Every one of them is yea, and in Him Amen (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Confess through the Power of Christ

Still another reason that people may have poor expectations for the future is that they live in continual sin. Romans 1:18-32 clearly addresses categories of willful sin that will grieve and potentially quench the Holy Spirit. When

that happens, communication is cut off to the human spirit—the only place where God communes with man. Professing believers who live in sins such as adultery, homosexuality, or continual negativity are not able to hear from God personally.

In the church, there are some people who are troubled with old sins of homosexuality and lesbianism. It is very serious. Many confess their sin—usually right after they do it. Of course, confession is a wonderful thing and it is necessary; but, confession does nothing unless the power of Jesus Christ is allowed to take over the soul.

Don't accept adultery. Don't accept homosexuality. Don't accept lesbianism. Don't accept fornication or pornography. Don't accept habitual sin and call it your weakness. Be dogmatic and declare victory in these areas. Declare that this is the day that something good is going to happen to you.

**Read Cosmic Loneliness, a Doctrine Weekly classic by Pastor Carl H. Stevens, Grace Publications, 2001.*

Chapter Two

SOMETHING GOOD WILL
HAPPEN DESPITE OUR FAILURE

“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

“They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

“Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

“This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

“So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

“And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

“And they which heard it, being convicted

by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

“She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:3-11).

No Man Condemns Us

The Pharisees brought before Jesus a woman caught in the act of adultery. According to Moses' Law, they were within their rights to stone the woman. The Pharisees wanted to have her killed. But something good was going to happen to her.

Jesus said nothing at first. He stooped down and began writing with His finger on the ground. When they continued to test Him with their self-righteous questioning, He stood and said to the Pharisees, “He who is without sin, cast the first stone.” Then he stooped down again and continued to write on the ground.

The Bible doesn't say what Jesus was writ-

ing. Still, from time to time I have pondered this scene and wondered what it was. My personal conviction is that at first He stooped down and wrote the word that means "LAW." But then I imagine that the second time, He crossed it out and wrote "GRACE."

In any case, their conviction was so great that no one dared throw a stone, and they all went out, the oldest to the youngest.

Keep that picture in mind if you find yourself eager to hear a bit of gossip or read an evil report about someone. You had better make sure you are without sin before you get involved in accusations.

Finally, Jesus asked the woman, "Does anyone condemn thee?"

"No man, Lord," was her answer.

And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." Despite her failure, God loved her and blessed her with something good.

With that situation, Jesus introduced the principle of spiritual morality.

Spiritual Morality: Law versus Grace

There is a great difference between legality, morality, and spirituality. A nation that is regu-

lated by laws can be sustained by morality, even if spirituality is lacking. Many Christians in our country honor the value of life. Still, more than a million and a half abortions are performed each year. Abortion may be legal, but it is not moral.

Morality, however, is not sufficient in itself. It is like trying to uphold the law in yourself. Spiritual morality is totally forgiving someone who fails and wants to accept help. Yet, one who condemns and accuses is not spiritually moral. He is, in fact, spiritually bankrupt.

Morality is “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” (Matthew 5:38). Spiritual morality is loving someone who is unlovely. It is forgiving the one who has hurt you and praying for him to be blessed. Jesus changed the understanding of morality, commanding us to pray for our enemies and to do good to those who despise us and take advantage of us. Yes, God wants something good to happen to our enemies, and He often uses us to make it happen.

Most Christians do not understand spiritual morality. Spiritual morality is based on Redemption: the just dying for the unjust (1 Peter 3:18). It is based upon Jesus taking our place on the Cross and shedding His precious Blood. Because of His shed blood, we are able to enter

into a new royal law of love. The royal law goes beyond morality and becomes spiritual morality. Because of the work that was finished on the Cross, spiritual morality has become the foundation of God blessing us. Something good *will* happen to us.

*The Finger of God
versus the Power of the Serpent*

“Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.” (Exodus 8:19).

“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God” (Exodus 31:18).

“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you” (Luke 11:20).

It is the finger of God that defined His holiness (Exodus 31:18). Demons are cast out by the finger of God (Luke 11:20). Jesus spoke and then wrote on the ground with His finger, and self-righteous men were convicted of sin (John 8:3-11).

One of the great privileges we have as born-

again Christians is to enter into the power of the finger of God. The finger of God as explained in Luke 11:20 refers to God's Kingdom, which is the government of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit through the Word of God. This government operates through believers—members of His royal family—who have received His mind by the Word and the Spirit.

In Genesis 12:9-13 and Genesis 20:2-6, we can see two instances of Abraham lying to save his neck, making men think that Sarah was his sister and not his wife. But God protected them and something good came out of it. He didn't deserve something good to happen; his sin was terrible. Yet, God is filled with grace and truth.

The Law came by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17). This is where we see the highest form of spiritual morality. Despite Abraham's sin, God made something good happen to him. A spiritual law became a moral act of the Finished Work of Jesus Christ!

Chapter Three

GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS

“And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

“Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

“And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

“Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

“Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and

pitched his tent toward Sodom.

“But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

“And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

“For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

“And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered” (Genesis 13:8-16).

Witnesses of God's Goodness

Let's talk to some people in the Bible who had something good happen to them:

Abraham, God gave you a promise and you believed. When the pressure was on, you let Lot choose—so God chose for you. And something good happened to you, Abraham. God gave you a family that covered the whole earth, and you became known as the father of our faith. By sight, God's promise seemed impossible. But something good came out of it all.

Joseph, your brothers wanted to kill you, ac-

according to Genesis 37:20-21. But Reuben intervened, and instead you were sold into slavery to the Ishmaelites. You wound up in Egypt and faced all kinds of trouble in Pharaoh's house. Yet, while you were in prison, God gave you the interpretation of a dream for Pharaoh and you were promoted. Imagine it, Joseph! You became the number two man in what was the world's most powerful empire at the time. Yes, when you were sold into slavery, your brothers meant it for evil. God, however, meant it for good. Something good did happen, Joseph, and many lived because of it. What's more, something good also came to those who meant it for evil.

Hannah, you so longed for a baby. You cried before God because you didn't have any children (1 Samuel 1:6-20). God was waiting to let something happen to you. When you finally were given a child, what a child he was! Samuel was born to you. He became a boy who heard from God and a man who anointed Saul and David, the first kings of Israel. Something good happened to you, Hannah.

Our God Has Never Failed

"...Ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the

good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof" (Joshua 23:14).

Trust in the Lord. Believe all of His good promises. As the psalmist said, "...the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalm 84:11). Get ready! Something good is going to happen.

CONCLUSION

“And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you” (Deuteronomy 26:11).

“There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass” (Joshua 21:45).

“The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing” (Psalm 34:10).

We have a great privilege to know that something good is going to happen to us—this very day! God hears our prayers.

Even though you may be suffering from an illness, something good is going to happen to you. Something good is going to happen in your business and in your finances.

Though you may be living in a negative psychological reflection of a problem that happened

in your childhood, your adolescence, or in your marriage, something good is going to happen.

Just believe and receive from our loving God right now. We serve a God who wants to bless His people. Seek Him now. Practice His presence. Believe in His promises. Confess His Word. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh (Romans 13:14). When you walk in the Spirit, you will not fulfill your lusts (Galatians 5:16).

God has targeted you for a blessing. Believe God, point to yourself, and begin singing:

*“Something good is going to happen to me!
Jesus of Nazareth is passing my way.”*