GOD OUR FATHER: By Dr. Hal Webb, Evangelist

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

There are so many things that God our Father has promised us that we cannot fail if we walk with Him. Since the creation of man God has offered countless blessings to those who believe in and follow Him. He supplies every need and keeps us in His care till He calls us home. If you have accepted His Son then you can rejoice in a long list. I want to use the word me and enjoy these promises with you. First, He Loved Me: :"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. This is an amazing promise we have heard from our childhood. We are deeply loved by the creator of mankind and promised His provision for all eternity. He Saved Me: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19:10. Because of our birth in sin, we needed to be rescued, and He alone created the infallible plan to do so. Our eternal God sent His everlasting Son to pluck lost souls from the burning inferno reserved for sinners. As a young lifeguard in my teen years I often rejoiced with one I had plucked from drowning. Christ has done that for the believer. He Forgave Me : "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" I John 1:9. God in His mercy was not willing for us to perish but through His forgiveness we can become His own children. There is no sin He cannot forgive, and no transgression larger than His mercy toward us. Rejoice in the wonderful truth that you have been forgiven He Accepted Me: "To the praise of the Glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us

accepted in the beloved" Eph. 1:6. This is a glorious promise. Who are we but sinners, and He is willing to accept us into His family. One day you and I will stand with the multitude of believers singing praise before His throne. We are accepted and He says so and God does not lie or ever break His promises. He Adopted **Me:** " But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" Gal. 4: 4 & 5. We are now His sons, adopted into His family with all the blessings of the eternal family of God. He Sanctified And Justified Me: "But ye are washed, but ve are sanctified, but ve are justified in the name of our Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" I Cor. 6:11. Sanctified means to be set aside in God, and further more justified, as if we never sinned. By His grace we have all things through the Father who has put all our sin behind His back never to be remembered again. He Changed Me: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" II Cor. 5: 17. We are no longer hopeless sinners as are many, trying to somehow by their works gain a hope for eternity. Man in the flesh cannot please God with all his efforts of self justification. The change to personal acceptance by God has already been completed, by God. It all hinges on what we believe about Christ. Faith in His redemption brings the change from sinner to saint. Our old past is gone and a new horizon stretches before us. He Glorified Me: "Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified" Rom. 8:30. Talk about glorious revelations given of God. We believers though still here, are in fact seated with Him in the heavenlies. As members of the bride of Christ we are by faith already glorified and guaranteed the positions of God's elect in His

presence. We shall shine as the stars of Heaven. That's a staggering thought of eternity. He Gave Me Life: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" John 10:28. Man on his own has no outlook but eternal death. The believer in Christ has already received eternal life. No gift can ever equal the gift of eternal life for at acceptance of Christ this gift is granted to us. He Blesses Me: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" Eph. 1:3 These blessings we cannot even comprehend, but God has a great plan of blessings for all of us. Don't allow the problems of the day to block out the blessings around you. He Guides Me: "For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death" Psalms 48:14. These are trying times and the finances of our nation are failing. Millions who invested their life savings in the market wonder if they will be robbed of it all. Further grief is because those who caused it are being protected and rewarded. Intelligent plans crumble but the Lord promises to care for His own unto death. It's great to know He Loves Me: " Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not" I John 3:1. The love of God passes all understanding and makes us able to be called the sons of God. His love is unending and reaches out to all who believe in Jesus Christ. No creature born has ever been unloved by God. Man at his worst can be changed by God into a totally changed believer. He Protects Me: "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? Psalm 118: 6. As a World War II veteran I know what surrounding protection can do for a battle. All sides must be covered and watched so the enemy cannot sneak in and destroy. God promises to be with us always and so we are

fully protected. The forces of evil are many, but God can defeat them all. He Needs Me: "For thou shalt be His witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard" Acts 22:15. It ought to thrill us that the Lord chooses to use us as witnesses to mankind. We become spokesmen for the King of Kings. We are His heralds and representatives. That our great God needs us to spread His word is a thrill and great responsibility. He Strengthens Me: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phil 4:13. I chose this as my life verse very early in my Christian youth. In all of my trials and testings it has been proven to be true. Check it out and you will find it has been true with you. He will never ask you to do something that He does not give you strength to do. At age 82 I have learned there is strength beyond the doctors and courage to meet every health challenge. Whatever you are facing remember He offers His strength to see you through. He Gives Me Victory: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" I John 5:4. The faith of Jesus Christ has marched on triumphantly through the ages. Nothing has ever been found that is better. Nothing is more lasting or satisfying. Being God, our heavenly father He will always be the victor and we are His. He Keeps Me: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Rom. 8:38 & 39. He Will Never Leave Me: "For He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" Heb. 13:5 He sticketh closer than a brother to all of us redeemed by His blood and made children of God. For no reason will He ever leave us stranded nor rejected. My space to write is ended but His promises never come to an end. Praise God!