

“IT SHALL COME TO PASS”

“The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, *so shall it come to pass*; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”

It shall come to pass — note that statement. *It shall come to pass!* Nothing to do with you, nothing to do with the writer, nothing to do with any person or thing whatsoever, but has to do solely with God. As certainly as the sun shines every day, it shall come to pass. It depends not at all upon you, nor upon me, nor upon anyone else, but upon the Intelligence which governs all things. Not you, nor the writer, nor anyone else, can prevent the sun from shining, can cause it to rise one moment earlier or later than at the appointed time. Only the Creator Himself brings it to pass. God has decreed it. Likewise God has decreed that “it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord *thy* God, to observe and to do all the commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord *thy* God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth,” and no one can interfere with this decree. Paul says, “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.”

Then God continues as follows: “And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee” — think of it! Another decree which is equally unfailing. These blessings “shall come on thee and overtake thee.” Is it not wonderful! You do not have to ask for them, do not have to cajole God for them, implore Him, pray to Him, for those things, but they “shall come on thee and overtake thee.” Like the sun rising at dawn. You may be in a forest, falling over stumps, tripping over broken branches, sinking into the swamp, and surrounded by wild beasts which you hear prowling about, even while the thus far unheard “still small voice” is saying, “There is nothing to fear. Be still and nothing will harm you. It is your own vain struggling which causes your sufferings. Be still. Wait for the dawn. Then you will see clearly a pathway leading you out and into safety.” And it shall come to pass beyond peradventure of doubt that the sun shall arise at the appointed time, and nothing you or anyone else can do will prevent it or hasten it, but when the dawn does break, you will have light and warmth, and find your way out without further ado. So with you. These blessings shall “come on thee and overtake thee,” for it is decreed that It shall come to pass. Nothing you can do or a practitioner can do, nothing that anyone can do, can prevent this decree from coming to pass. God has decreed this, and it shall come to pass that all these blessings shall “come on thee and overtake thee.”

“Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come up against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord *thy* God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord *thy* God, and walk in his ways. And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord *thy* God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.”

Is not this a wonderful promise? Yes, more than a promise — a decree. Dependent not on you, not on the writer, not on any person, any more than the stars in their courses depend on any person, but they are dependent on God. They are dependent on God alone. So are these promises and decrees. They “shall come on thee and overtake thee.” *It shall come to pass.* It is decreed.

“Not by might, nor by power [of the human mind], but by My Spirit, saith the Lord.” Jesus said, “It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh [the fleshly or human mind or body] profiteth nothing.”